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MY MOTHER.

PREFACE.

NO duty is more generally admitted by Christian people, than that of Family Prayer. As a recognition of Him who calls Himself the God of all the families of the earth; as a consecration of life's business, and life's intercourse, and life's common refreshments and blessings; as an opportunity of exercising that higher relationship, which is too apt to be forgotten in the routine of

earthly duties; as the appointed means of reconciling the little strifes and variances which will occur from time to time, while human nature is what it is, in the best disposed and most kindly affectioned households; in all these and many other aspects, Family Prayer has a value and a dignity all its own, which few who know anything of the Gospel and Spirit of our Master can either disparage or set aside.

Yet the experience of many hearts and many homes, it will not be denied, falls far below the expectation which such thoughts have awakened.

In some cases, there is a readiness in admitting excuses for the interruption

of the duty, betraying an indifference fatal to its success. The excuse, once admitted, is never afterwards wanting: and if the record were kept, for one year, of the occasions on which domestic worship has been used and omitted, it would be found, in many houses, to bear a testimony of irregularity not less startling than condemning.

Elsewhere the duty is performed with scrupulous exactness, but without any corresponding effects of comfort or benefit.

The causes of this disappointment are various. The commonest of all is probably that which brings also its own explanation; a want of interest, of reve-

rence, of faith and life, in the worshippers and in their leader. There is a rapidity of utterance, a lowness of tone, a perfunctoriness of manner, on the part of the reader, which finds its natural effect in the coldness, the formality, the deadness of those who in such a case are, at the best, listeners only, and not fellow-worshippers.

But even with a religious intention, and a sense of responsibility, and something of spiritual feeling, in the leader of the worship, there is often an embarrassment in the selection of a suitable form of Prayer, and a conscious inability to dispense with *any* form, which may account for the languor and depres-

sion observable in the performance of the duty.

Some compositions, designed to answer the purpose of a Family Liturgy, are framed on injudicious and unsound principles, or executed in a manner which precludes their success. Few indeed are those books of Family Prayer, which do not weary in the use, even if they invite the first trial. Again and again we find ourselves sent back to the Prayer-Book, for the only form of devotion which bears perpetual repetition. A few Collects, chosen with judgment, so as to embrace the essential parts of all worship—confession, supplication, thanksgiving, intercession—and read with grave

simplicity, quiet seriousness, and thoughtful emphasis—will be thought, by many masters of families, to give the most satisfactory expression to the daily wants and aspirations of a Christian household; familiar enough to secure intelligence, and sufficiently various to prevent monotony.

Even the Lord's Prayer alone, preceded and followed by a few moments of silent devotion, would be found to constitute a most impressive service, in cases where the time for worship is short, and where the thoughtfulness of the worshippers can be relied upon.

There remain, however, many instances in which a special book of Family Prayers

is imperatively demanded by the judgment and feeling of Christian people. To meet this demand is not easy. Such a work should be neither dogmatical, nor didactic, nor hortatory; neither diffuse, nor involved, nor abrupt; neither affectedly archaic, nor vulgarly modern; neither a compendium of systematic theology, nor a cento of phrases from the Bible, nor an imitation of Collects or Litanies from the Prayer-Book. It should be ample enough to prevent a wearisome frequency in the recurrence of each particular prayer, yet not so large as to forbid familiarity with its contents on the part of those who use it in their worship. It should be spiritual, yet sober, in its

tone; not checking the breathings of the deepest and most experienced piety, yet involving no hypocrisy in its utterance by a more level and average Christianity. It should be general, yet real, in its language; expressing the soul's wants, not in their morbid or fanciful eccentricities, but in their daily and regular recurrences. It should be sound, yet catholic, in its doctrine; repelling no Christian by its exclusiveness, but seeking rather to promote that truest, that highest, that deepest unity—a unity not of form or formula, but of personal trust and spiritual devotion—which is more and more the aspiration of our age, and in which alone the divided and dispersed flock of Christ

can ever on earth be regathered into one.

How far the present publication—most inadequate and imperfect at the best—may fulfil any of these conditions, it is not for the writer to determine. To have been permitted to contribute but one Prayer to the service of but one Christian household, would be a great privilege and a great honour. Still more, if, in so doing, one step might have been taken, however feeble or halting, towards that great result which has just been spoken of; the repose of Christ's Church, not in one form of worship, not in one expression of doctrine, but in the realization of a spiritual unity consistent with the utmost external diver-

sity; the conception of the one "treasure" —the Light spiritual, eternal, Divine— contained within the myriad "earthen vessels" of varying human expression, human thought, and human feeling.

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Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

FAMILY PRAYERS.

First Week.

Sunday Morning.

ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, who didst in the beginning create the heavens and the earth; and, when sin entered, and death by sin, didst promise, of Thine infinite love and goodness, again to make all things new; we draw nigh unto Thee, on this Thy holy day, beseeching Thee to lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, and to shine into all our hearts, through Jesus Christ, by Thy Holy Spirit.

O Lord, our lives have been sinful, and our souls are indolent, and slow to believe. We have often grown negligent and weary

in Thy service. We have often thought it vain to seek Thee, and to walk humbly and watchfully in the way of Thy commandments. We have often heard Thy Word with wandering minds, and knelt before Thee in Thy House with hearts far from Thee. We have often murmured against the allotments of Thy Providence, instead of receiving them humbly at Thy hand, and using them for the correction of our manifold faults and sins.

O God, we pray Thee, of Thy Almighty and infinite grace, to make all things new within us, by Thy Holy Spirit. Forgive the long neglect, indifference, and coldness of heart, whereby we have provoked Thee. Send Thy Word into our hearts, in its reality, and in its power. Quicken our consciences to a new sense of sin, and draw our affections towards Thee as the Fountain

of all happiness. When we pray, may we speak with Thee as with a Father, and go forth from Thy presence with kindled love and strengthened purpose.

Make, we beseech Thee, this day a day of refreshing and restoration to our souls. Incline us to use, in faith and hope, each ordinance of Thy Church. May we never willingly forsake the assembling of ourselves together, remembering the promise of Christ to be present in His congregations. Give us a true hunger and thirst for the bread and for the water of life. Enable us to come in an earnest and devout spirit to the Holy Communion of the body and blood of Christ, and to feed upon Him there in our hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving. May we find help and strength in that service, for the daily journey of life towards the rest and the home which

Thou hast promised hereafter to Thy people.

O Lord, we pray Thee to extend to Thy suffering creation, in its length and in its breadth, that blessed and glorious deliverance which we ask for ourselves. Put an end, in Thine own good time, to war and discord, to idolatry and superstition, to cruelty and wrong, to misery, wickedness, and sin. Grant that the Gospel of grace and salvation may have free course everywhere, and glad acceptance. May sufferers find comfort, and wanderers rest, and sinners holiness, in the boundless love of a crucified and risen Saviour, once made sin for us that we might be made righteous, and now present with Thee, in the heavenly places, as our Lord, our Intercessor, and our Life.

And when Thy mystery shall be accom-

plished, and the day fixed in Thy counsels shall rise at last upon the earth with healing and life; grant, O Lord, that we may then find mercy, and a happy entrance into the everlasting state, in which there shall be no more sorrow, nor sin, nor death, because He that sitteth upon the throne shall have made all things new.

Grant this, O Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be ascribed everlasting praise. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Sunday Evening.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, whom truly to know is eternal life; give us grace to approach Thee this evening with penitent and believing hearts, and to enjoy communion with Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We desire to bless Thy Holy Name, O Lord, for all the means which Thou hast provided for our furtherance and growth in grace. We thank Thee for having caused us to be born in a land of Christian light and knowledge. We thank Thee for the home which sheltered our childhood, and for the instruction which guided our youth. We thank Thee for Thy Holy Baptism, whereby we were grafted into Christ's

Church, and made inheritors of Thy gracious promises. We thank Thee for Thy Holy Word, written for our learning, that we might know Thee in Thy greatness, Thy holiness, and Thy love. We thank Thee for this Thy holy day, on which we are instructed in the things which concern our peace, and called away from the cares and distractions of this world, to cultivate that better life which alone endureth for ever.

We thank Thee, O God, for the opportunities which have been this day vouchsafed to us, of worshipping Thee and communing with Thee in Thy House of Prayer. It is of Thy mercy alone that Thou hast borne with us all these years, hast not cast us away for our ingratitude, nor cut us off in our wickedness. Thy thoughts, O Lord, are not our thoughts, nor Thy ways our ways. Grant that our hearts may be so

touched by the remembrance of Thy long patience and forbearance towards us, that we may give ourselves up to Thee in loving devotion, and walk before Thee in true holiness all the remaining days of our life.

Especially we thank Thee for having instituted, and continued to Thy Church, the blessed Sacrament of the dying love of Christ, setting forth before our eyes His sacrifice of Himself for us, and inviting us to receive Him into our hearts, by faith, for the strengthening and refreshing of the soul. We pray Thee to make us more diligent, more earnest, more faithful, in obeying His command, given in the night in which He was betrayed, to eat of that bread, and to drink of that cup, in remembrance of His death, and of His life after death, for us men and for our salvation.

Grant, O Lord, that we may live, day

by day, in His strength, and by His Holy Spirit. As He died for us, and was buried, so may we die unto sin, and effectually mortify each vile affection. As He rose again for us, and ascended into heaven, so may we rise daily to newness of life, and ascend, in heart and soul, into Thy presence, and there, with Him, continually dwell.

Forgive, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, all the coldness and indifference, all the wandering of thought and imagination, which Thou hast seen in our worship, in public and in private, this day. Quicken our interest in holy and heavenly things. Give us a lively faith in the Word of Thy Revelation, and grace both to love what Thou commandest, and to desire that which Thou dost promise.

Bless with us, O Lord, all who are dear

to us, our relations, friends, and neighbours. Bless the congregation in which we worship, and those who minister to us in holy things. Unite all who name the name of Christ in one faith and hope and love. At last may they be all one flock under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all glory and praise for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

Monday Morning.

O GOD, our Father, who in the beginning didst divide between the light and the darkness, between day and night; and now, when Thou hast refreshed us with sleep, givest to each one his portion of work to be done diligently till the evening; we draw nigh to Thee, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, to implore Thy blessing upon the labour of our hands and minds during the hours of this day's business.

O Thou who alone canst forgive sins, absolve us, we pray Thee, from our past transgressions, for the sake of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Release our souls, O Lord, from the burden of an evil con-

science, that we may run, with a free heart, the way of Thy commandments. Renew us this day by the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may forget the things that are behind, and reach forth, with zeal and hope, to those things that are before.

Set before our minds, O Heavenly Father, the example of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, when He was upon earth, found His refreshment in doing the will of Him that sent Him, and in finishing His work. When many are coming and going, and there is no leisure so much as to eat, give us grace to remember Him who knew neither impatience of spirit nor confusion of work, but in the midst of all His labours held communion with Thee, and even upon earth was still in heaven.

Give us humble thoughts concerning ourselves, that we may count it all honour to

be permitted to serve Thee. Inspire us with the grace of self-sacrifice and self-forgetfulness, that we may think only of Thee and of our brethren. In all that we do may we look upward for Thy blessing, and remember that it is Thou only, O Lord, who workest in us, by Thy Holy Spirit, both to will and to do.

Give us grace, O Lord, day by day, in all that we do and in all that we suffer, to look unto Jesus. May the remembrance of His toil and of His passion be present with us all the day long. Animate our failing spirits by the thought of His life now in heaven. Make His life manifest in our mortal bodies, and His strength perfect in our weakness.

Grant Thy blessing, Almighty Father, to all our occupations this day. When we are alone, be Thou present with us as

our Friend and our Companion. When we are with others, may we see Christ in them, calling forth our sympathy, our help, and our love. Leave us not, nor forsake us, O God, throughout this day, lest we fall into folly, into inconsistency, into sin.

Prosper, we beseech Thee, Thy great work upon earth, through all the ministrations of Thy Church and Thy children. Pour out Thy Holy Spirit, in large measure, upon the households and upon the souls of Thy true servants. May the influence of their faith and of their example be powerful to win others unto Thee. Grant that the kingdom of Christ, which is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost, may be extended and multiplied in the earth, to Thy glory, and the salvation of many souls; through the same gracious

and blessed Redeemer, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Monday Evening.

O GOD, whose Blessed Son was manifested, that He might bring us to Thee, and fill our life with Thy love and with Thy presence; help us now to gather up the fragments that remain, of the thoughts and words and works of the past day, and to spread them before Thee, for Thy pardon and forgiveness, ere we lie down to rest.

Lord, we are sinners, and full of sin: there is nothing in us but that which is vile and worthless and evil. Our best deeds need repentance and pardon: our endeavours after good are but failure and disappointment: our temper and spirit, our influence and example, all are full of sin and infirmity, and want the precious blood

of Christ to make atonement and propitiation for them. Father, for His sake look upon us with pity and compassion: Thou knowest whereof we are made: as sinners, Thou hast dealt with us in Thy Son: as sinners, Thou hast bidden us to approach Thee, through Him in full assurance of faith.

O Lord, Thou hast taught us by His example, how blessed and comforting a thing it is to have communion with Thee. As did He, after a day of toil, in teaching and healing, continue oftentimes all the night in prayer to Thee; so, O Lord, incline our hearts to seek Thee as our Refuge and Rest, and to count no refreshment so blessed as the time spent in Thy presence. May we not worship Thee of constraint or compulsion, but in a glad heart and with a willing mind.

Grant, O Lord, that in all our dangers and necessities we may look unto Thee for help. Give us grace to remember how our Lord Jesus Christ Himself suffered being tempted, that He might be able to succour them that are tempted. Whenever the trial comes, make a way, O Lord, of escape. Grant that, whether in body, or soul, or spirit, we may never yield to the suggestion that would displease Thee, or separate us from Thy presence and blessing. Make us ever strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.

Send Thy help, O Heavenly Father, to all those who are passing through the furnace of temptation. Look in compassion upon the homeless and destitute, who have none to guard them against the perils of this evil world. Stir, O Lord, the hearts of Thy faithful people, that they may multiply

their labours in the cause of charity. Bless every Institution established for the instruction of the ignorant and the restoration of the fallen. May the hand of Thy fatherly love be outstretched to succour all those for whom Thy blessed Son was contented to suffer and die.

Have mercy, Almighty God, upon all men. O Thou who knowest the infirmities, the difficulties, and the ignorances of all whom Thou hast made; and desirest not the death of any sinner, but rather that he should be converted, and live; send forth Thy light and Thy truth into the dark places of the earth, and guide many that are perishing towards Thy rest and Thy dwelling. And O, teach us, to whom Thou hast given a richer portion in this world, of advantage and opportunity for good, both to use watchfully, for ourselves, the blessings

of Thy grace, and also to give all diligence so to improve the talents entrusted to us, that they may minister to the wants of others, and cause many, seeing our good works, to glorify our Father who is in heaven.

Grant, Lord, that that mind may be in us, which was also in Christ Jesus; who left the heaven of Thy holiness and of Thy glory, that He might take upon Him our sins and our sorrows, and seek and save that which was lost. Hear us, O Father, for His sake, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Tuesday Morning.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our Heavenly Father, to whom belongeth night and day, death and life; we thank Thee for having given us rest in sleep, and for raising us up once again to do Thy work and to enjoy Thy benefits. Grant, O Lord, that our hearts may awake to seek and to praise Thee. May the light which surrounds us shine also within, and quicken our souls to lay hold upon the grace which is offered to us in Jesus Christ.

We know, O Lord, how many and great are our past transgressions. We have erred, we have strayed, we have done amiss and dealt wickedly. When Thou hast said, Seek ye my face; too often we have run after

vain or sinful pleasures, and deferred till a more convenient season the work of repentance and godliness. Thou seest, O Lord, all our negligences, all our backslidings; and our sins are not hid from Thee. We bless Thy Holy Name for every mark of Thy patience and long-suffering towards us: Thou hast not cut us off nor cast us away, but still waitest to be gracious: even to us, the unthankful and the evil, Thou continuest life and breath and all things, and showest Thyself unwilling that we should perish. Grant to us, Lord, the effectual working of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may repent, and believe, and be saved.

Lord, we commend to Thy fatherly care and blessing the day on which we are now entering. Be with us in our souls, and in our lives; in our work, our conversation, and our resting. Grant that in all things

we may remember Thee; that we may see Thee everywhere; receiving as at Thy hands, both joy and sorrow, success and disappointment, health and sickness. Give us that which Thou seest to be good for us, and put away from us all that is evil.

May Thy blessing rest upon each member of this house, and upon all connected with it. Keep us ever, O Lord, under the protection of Thy good Providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy Holy Name.

Give us a deep sense of Thy nearness to us, of Thy power over us, of Thy love towards us. May the Word of Thy grace be real to our souls, and may we walk day by day in the light of Thy truth. Supply our hearts with the bread of life, even that spiritual communion with Thyself, through our Lord Jesus Christ, by the Holy Spirit, without

which, though we may have a name to live, we are dead in Thy sight.

And now, O Lord, we beseech Thee to lead us on, throughout this day, towards the blessed home which Thou hast prepared in heaven for Thy people. Grant that no sin may have dominion over us, nor any surprise of temptation draw us away from Thy service. We are Thine: O save us. Be present with us, O God, and knit our hearts to Thee, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory for ever. Amen.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

Tuesday Evening.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who by Thy Divine Providence hast brought us to the evening of another day, receive us here kneeling before Thee, and teach us how to pray. Give us grace to lay aside all vain and worldly thoughts, all the excitements and distractions of earthly things, and to come with all our hearts to offer at Thy throne of grace our evening sacrifice.

Lord, we would lay open before Thee all the secret things of desire and motive, of thought and will, of word and deed, which have been amiss in us this day. We know not all that Thou knowest concerning us. Yet, O Lord, we know enough to condemn us in our own sight; how much more in

Thine, who searchest the very hearts and lives! We have sought our own pleasure, and ease, and reputation, and interest, more than Thy glory and the good of others. We have forgotten Thee, our only Rest and Refuge, and have hewn out for ourselves broken cisterns, that can hold no water. Too often have we called evil good, and good evil, and closed our eyes against the light. We have wasted Thy precious gifts of influence and opportunity, and forgotten how soon the long night cometh, when no man can work.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. For Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past. In Him, O God, in His all-sufficient sacrifice, in His all-prevailing intercession, in His Almighty Spirit, in Thy love shown towards sinners in His

word and in His work, yea, in Thee, O God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, we place all our trust, for pardon, and peace, and eternal life.

Wash away, O heavenly Father, every spot and stain of sin from our consciences and from our souls. By Thy merciful absolution clear us from our guilt, and by Thy long-suffering grace set us free from our corruption. Give us access to Thee this night in secret, and may we lie down to rest as in Thy presence, safe, in soul and in body, under the shadow of Thy love.

We commend to Thy gracious and fatherly protection all for whom we are especially bound to pray. Guide Thou the course of this world, so that Thy Church may serve Thee in quietness. Heal the divisions of Thy people, and enable them to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Restore all who are wandering from Thy way, and bring them back, blessed Lord, to Thy flock. Give peace to the troubled in mind. Comfort them that mourn. Clear away, in Thine own good time, the mists of doubt and error from the understandings and hearts of them that walk in darkness and have no light. And at last bring us all into that haven of rest and peace, where we shall see Thee face to face, and know even as we are known.

Grant, O Lord, these our petitions, and do for us more than we can either ask or think, for the sake of Him whom Thou didst send to save sinners, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Wednesday Morning.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we come before Thee as Thy children, full of sin and infirmity, yet trusting in Thy goodness and loving-kindness revealed in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Grant, O Lord, that, as the night brightens into day at the rising of the sun, so all the darkness of our evil hearts may be enlightened by the blessed Sun of righteousness, and we may set forth with holy and humble hope to run for another day the race that is set before us. Be Thou with us, O Lord, from morning till evening. Without Thee we can do nothing: O grant to us the protection of Thy good Providence, and the ever-present help of Thy Holy Spirit; that we may undertake

nothing without Thy blessing, and may abide with Thee all the day long in Thy faithful and willing service.

Give us grace to lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us. May we seek no worldly object with eagerness or self-confidence, but trust Thee with all that concerns us, receiving, as at Thy hands, both evil and good. Send us help from Thy holy place, according to our need, for our daily warfare with sin. Arm us, Lord, with the armour of grace against all the assaults of the wicked one. May we be ever watchful against temptation, giving no advantage to it by our carelessness or lightness, but walking ever in the light of Thy presence, and holding communion with Thee in our souls by the Holy Spirit.

O Lord, keep ever in our remembrance the life and death of our Saviour Jesus.

Make the thought of His love powerful to win us from evil. As He toiled and sorrowed and suffered for us, in fighting against sin; so may we endure constantly, and labour diligently, as His soldiers and servants, looking ever unto Him, and counting it all joy to be partakers with Him in His conflict and in His humiliation. Raise our thoughts to things above, that we may behold Him now in His glory, and at last be with Him in Thy presence for ever.

Animate our souls, Almighty God, by the example of all those who having fought the good fight here below, in the power of the same faith, are now safe and at rest till the day of Christ's coming. Grant that no sloth or cowardice or ungodly living may cause us to fall short of their blessedness and of their glory.

We pray Thee, O God, to grant Thy

blessing to this house, and to every one in it, of it, and dear to it. May we all go forth to our work and to our labour this day, having Thee for our refuge and our strength. And at last may we all find Thee as our everlasting Rest, in that life which knows no parting for ever.

Hear us, O Lord, in these our prayers, for the sake of our only Saviour, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Wednesday Evening.

O LORD GOD, who alone makest us to dwell in safety; we bless Thee for our preservation through another day, and for the protection promised alike to our sleep and our waking. Grant that we may now lie down in peace, with hearts resting upon Thee; and may find Thee present to bless us, when we arise in the morning refreshed for Thy service.

Lord, we would spread out before Thee all the sins and offences of the past day. Help us to come with freedom of confession to Thy Throne of grace, knowing that for all our transgressions Thou hast made atonement in the Cross of Jesus Christ.

Give us grace to receive with deep thankfulness that revelation of a free forgiveness, nothing doubting that Thou who hast spoken wilt also make it good, to all them that with earnest faith cast themselves entirely upon Thy mercy. Receive us, O Lord, as Thou hast promised by Thy well-beloved Son. Bring us nigh, in heart and soul, to Thyself, through Him, by the Holy Spirit. Enlighten our understanding to know the hope of Thy calling, and the greatness of Thy power toward those who believe. Grant that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith, and cause us to know for ourselves that love which passeth knowledge.

Blessed Lord, we beseech Thee to send throughout the world the light of Thy truth. Give wisdom and courage, give zeal and energy, give Thy strength and

blessing, to all who preach Jesus Christ at home and abroad. Incline us all to make His cause our cause, His work our work, His victory our joy. Pour upon the Congregations of Thy people the Spirit of grace and of supplication. May they receive Thy Word with pure affection, and bring forth, in larger and larger measure, the fruits of Thy Spirit.

Bring back into the way of peace those who have departed from it, and keep them Thine for ever. Strengthen the weak, establish the wavering, and comfort the faint-hearted. Bless the young: guide them through the days of ignorance and inexperience, and endue them more and more with Thy manifold gifts of grace.

Give us grace, O Lord, to put off the old self, and to be renewed day by day in the spirit of our minds. Grant that we

may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light. May we walk in love, renouncing wrath and clamour and bitterness, forgiving one another, as Thou, O God, for Christ's sake hast forgiven us.

Keep alive in our hearts, Blessed Lord, the earnest expectation of Christ's Advent in glory. May we go to rest each night as those who watch for it. Grant that that day may not overtake us as a thief; but that we may so make ready our account, and so possess our souls in faith, that we may ever desire and long for our great change, and say in our hearts, with all who have gone before in the true hope of the Gospel, I have a desire to depart and to be with Christ, which is far better: Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Lord, hear and have mercy upon us, for

the sake of the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

Thursday Morning.

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, we desire to bless Thy Holy Name for the comfort of our sleep and for the daily marvel of our waking. Be Thou with us as we begin, continue, and end this present day: guide and control, strengthen and bless us, in every work and in every endeavour, that our hearts may be given to Thy love, and our lives to Thy service.

O Lord, whose Blessed Son hath taught us, by His word and by His example, that we must work while it is day, remembering that the night cometh, when no man can work; quicken us, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, in the life of righteousness. May we feel that the time past

may suffice us for sloth, self-indulgence, and sin, and that now it is high time to awake out of sleep, and to devote every faculty and every talent which Thou hast given us to Thy willing and loving service.

O Lord, all that we have is Thine; only of Thine own can we give Thee. We ourselves are Thine, bought with a price, even with the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Grant us grace to glory only in this, that Thou hast so loved us as to give for us Thine only Son, and that Thou, dwelling in the light unapproachable, vouchsafest to receive at our hands the sacrifice of our love and of our devotion.

O Lord, give us grace to keep back nothing from Thee, but to find our joy in being only and wholly and for ever Thine. Sanctify all our thoughts and all our affections: may we seek nothing which is

contrary to Thy will, and love nothing on earth in comparison with Thee.

O Lord, we pray Thee to keep us from all self-confidence and vain-glory, and to bestow upon us Thy great grace of humility and self-forgetfulness. In all that we do, may we look up to Thee, alike for the will and for the power; and to Thee may we ascribe, with a sincere heart, all the praise.

O Lord, we beseech Thee, give success to every effort to make Thee known, and to enlarge Thy kingdom, in the minds and hearts which Thou hast created. Grant us more and more of that Divine charity, which rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth with the truth. Bless the work of Thy Church, at home and abroad, in spreading the blessed Gospel of our Lord and Saviour. Take away from us all harshness

and bitterness towards those who follow not in all things with us, yet love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Hasten the time when there shall be no division or discord amongst those who call upon His Holy Name, but all shall be one flock under one Shepherd, having one faith and one hope, one Lord and one Spirit, one God and Father of all; unto whom, with the Son and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, all majesty and dominion, henceforth and for ever. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Thursday Evening.

O GOD, who givest to all men liberally, and upbraidest not; grant us grace to approach Thee in faith, without wavering, through Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, and do Thou, for His sake, send us at this time an answer of peace.

Thou hast brought us in safety to the end of another day. Help us so to number our days, that we may incline our hearts unto wisdom. Impress our souls with the nearness of death and judgment. Give us courage seriously to examine ourselves, that we may know whether we are walking in the light of Thy holiness and of Thy truth, and making progress towards that heavenly home where we shall see Thee as Thou art.

We pray Thee, O Lord, to awaken us from the sleep of spiritual sloth, and to quicken us in the life of righteousness. Grant that we may walk circumspectly; not as fools, but as wise. Give us wisdom to understand Thy will, and grace to do it. May we walk in love. Put far from us all sinful desires and unholy affections. Make us watchful to influence others for good. Give us courage to reprove that which is evil; and grant that our Christian profession may never be contradicted in us by an unholy life.

Give us, O Lord, a right understanding of our weakness and of our strength. Impress upon all our hearts the Revelation of our Fall and of our Redemption. Open our eyes to discern the multitude of our spiritual foes, and their nearness to us for the suggestion of evil. Clothe us, O God, in Thy

heavenly armour, that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Put upon us the girdle of sincerity, and the breastplate of righteousness. May our feet be shod with Christian readiness, that we may never miss or refuse any opportunity of service. Grant us the shield of a lively and stedfast faith, that we may be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. Grant us for our helmet the hope of salvation, that we may be of good courage in the fight of faith. Grant us that sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. And give us grace to watch and pray always, that we may not enter into temptation, but, living ever near to Thee, may be quiet from fear of evil.

Keep us, O Lord, this night, in body and soul. Watch over us through the hours of helplessness and darkness. May no evil

touch us, nor any harm come nigh our dwelling.

Extend Thy protecting hand, O Lord, to all who are dear to us. May they and we rest together in one love and one hope, trusting in the same Father and Saviour and Comforter. Have mercy upon all men. O spread abroad the knowledge of Thy truth and of Thy salvation. Gather together in one Thy children that are scattered abroad. Reveal, in their season, those times of refreshing and restoration which shall comfort the miseries of the world, and satisfy the earnest longing of Thy suffering creation. And give us the Spirit of faith, and the Spirit of patience, and the Spirit of hope, that we may never faint or be weary, but be willing still to wait for Thee though Thou tarry, and to believe that, though clouds and darkness are round about Thee,

righteousness and judgment are the habitation of Thy Throne.

Lord, hear us in these our prayers; and do for us that which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through Jesus Christ, our everlasting Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Friday Morning.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast revealed Thyself to us, in Jesus Christ, as our Father in Heaven, and hast taught us to draw nigh to Thee as Thy redeemed and reconciled children; send into our hearts, we beseech Thee, the Spirit of adoption, and draw our souls towards Thee in thankful love.

O Lord, we have not sought Thee nor served Thee as we ought to do. We have often thought scorn of the pleasant land which Thou hast promised us, and chosen our portion in the wilderness of folly and sin. And when we have tasted the bitterness of this world, and remembered Thee in our distress and desolation of heart; still, O

Lord, we have not given Thee our whole love and devotion, but have returned again and again to a double life and a divided service.

We desire to give Thee, O Lord, our unfeigned thanks and praises for Thy patience and long-suffering towards us. We have provoked Thee, times without number, by our negligences and our backslidings; but Thou hast not cut us off in our sins. Once again Thou hast raised us from sleep, refreshed and strengthened for the duties of this world; and Thou meetest us in the morning with a new summons to repentance, and a new promise of forgiveness, and a new call to do Thy work and to accept Thy love, bidding us to come to Thee in Christ Jesus, in whom sinners find pardon and cleansing and everlasting life.

Blessed Lord, suffer us not to harden our hearts against Thee. May Thy Holy Spirit so touch our consciences, and bend our wills, and kindle our affections, that we may be henceforth and for ever Thine. Give us grace this day to live to Thy glory. Whether we eat or drink, or whatsoever we do, may the remembrance of Thee be present with us to sanctify and to bless. Put into our hearts the desire to show, in every word and act, what Thou art to us; our loving Father, our eternal Friend. May we never forget or dishonour Thee, but in all places and in all occupations remember Thy presence and cherish Thy love.

Grant Thy blessing, Almighty God, to our intercourse with others this day, whether in business or in society. May we serve Thee in serving others. Make it our desire

and endeavour, day by day, to draw others towards Thee. Give us such a spirit of peace and love and holy joy, of diligence and calmness and purity, that they may take knowledge of us that our true life is hidden with Christ in Thee, and may be invited to taste for themselves that Thou art gracious.

And now, O Lord, we commit to Thy merciful and Almighty keeping, ourselves, our souls and bodies, all our thoughts and words, all our actions and endeavours and interests, this day; humbly beseeching Thee not to leave nor forsake us, until Thou hast brought us, in peace and safety, to that last evening, when we shall lie down to take our sleep, and awake to be for ever with the Lord.

We ask all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; to whom with Thee and the Holy

Ghost, be honour and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Friday Evening.

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, who hast brought us in peace and safety to the end of this day, and in whom alone we live and move and have our being; incline our hearts to come with true faith to Thy Throne of grace, that we may receive Thy Fatherly blessing before we lie down to rest.

Thou hast taught us, O Lord, that in Thy House are many mansions, and that Thy Blessed Son is gone to prepare a place there for His disciples. We beseech Thee, O Heavenly Father, so to assist us with Thy grace, that we may be of the number of those who shall be acknowledged by Him at His coming.

We know, O Lord, that only through Him can we come to Thee; for He is the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. Quicken our souls to feel their need of Him. Give us a deep sense of sin, that we may value as we ought the Revelation of the Cross and the Atonement. Grant that we may not find rest, till we find it in Him, whom Thou hast given to be the Propitiation for our sins. May we thirst for the water of life, till we come unto Him and drink.

Lord, we pray Thee to send into our hearts Thy Holy Spirit, that we may in all things keep Thy words. Grant that we may not call Thee our Father, without striving diligently to obey Thee. Suffer us not to deceive our own souls by a mere profession of godliness, but may we have the testimony of our consciences that in all simplicity and

sincerity we are endeavouring to do the things which Thou hast said.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, this night to give us peace. Send into our souls that comfort of grace, which is the earnest and foretaste of the rest reserved in Heaven for Thy children. Grant that we may abide in Christ, by a true and living faith, powerful to overcome the world.

Watch over us, we pray Thee, by Thy good Providence, through the hours of sleep and darkness. Defend us from all dangers of the night, whether bodily or spiritual. Bless all who shall spend this night in pain, anxiety, or distress. Give to each such relief as Thou seest good. Overrule all suffering to the final welfare of Thy children. And at last bring in those times of refreshing, for which the earnest expectation of the creature is evermore waiting and watching.

Grant to each of us a holy life, a peaceful death, and a portion in the everlasting rest and blessedness of Thy redeemed, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Saturday Morning.

O EVERLASTING GOD, who didst give Thine only Son to be the Light of the World, that whosoever believeth in Him might not walk in darkness; we beseech Thee to cast upon us, Thy unworthy servants, the bright beams of His light, that we may awake from the sleep of sin to the life of righteousness, and live no longer to ourselves, but unto Him who died for us and rose again.

Grant that we may not love the darkness because our deeds are evil. Make us willing to see the light of truth, even when it shames and reproves us. Quicken our consciences, that we may feel the burden of our sins, and come to Thee, through our

Lord Jesus Christ, for deliverance from them. Try us, O God, and search our hearts. Show us any wicked way that is in us, and cleanse us even from our secret faults. Keep Thy servants from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over us. Let the words of our lips, and the meditation of our hearts, be always acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer.

Grant, O Lord, that we may so give heed now to the Word of Christ's Gospel, that it may not rise against us in judgment at the last day. Make us to know and feel that it is Thy Word, and not man's. Give it entrance into our hearts, that we may ponder it, and love it, and live by it. Suffer us not to love the praise of men more than the praise of God. Suffer us not to receive honour one from another,

instead of seeking the honour which cometh from Thee only. In all things may we set before us Thy will and Thy glory, knowing that them that honour Thee Thou wilt honour.

Almighty God, enable us thus to live throughout the day which is now opening. May we set Thee always before us, as our Lord and our God. Into Thy hands we commend ourselves, praying Thee to give us that which is good, and to keep us from evil. May we be in the world, yet not of it. Suggest, direct, control, all our thoughts and words and actions. Bless our undertakings. Prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us. Bless us, and make us a blessing.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we pray Thee to grant to others also the mercies and loving-kindnesses which

we ask for ourselves. We pray Thee to enlarge the borders of Thy Church, which is the blessed company of all faithful people. Grant Thy grace to all who minister in the Word and Sacraments. Give them wisdom to teach aright, and the Spirit of holiness to adorn their doctrine by a good example. To all conditions and circumstances of Thy people, vouchsafe, O Lord, the needful comfort and help and blessing. Open Thou Thy hand, and fill all things living with plenteousness.

Hear us, O Lord, and mercifully grant our petitions, through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Saturday Evening.

O ETERNAL GOD, who didst rest on the seventh day from all Thy work, and, beholding the things which Thou hadst made, didst pronounce them to be very good; we beseech Thee to have mercy upon us, Thy sinful creatures, now bringing to a close the toils of another week, and preparing for the special duties and comforts of Thy holy day.

Accept, O Lord, the imperfect and sin-stained service which we have rendered to Thee during the past week. We are afraid and ashamed to look back upon it, until we bring it to the Cross of Jesus Christ, and sprinkle it with His most precious blood. Thou hast seen, O God, the selfishness of

our aims, the earthliness of our motives, and the indolence and lukewarmness of our spirits. Thou knowest how many things we have left undone, through sloth and self-indulgence, through ingratitude to Thee, and indifference towards our neighbour. All our idle, trifling, and uncharitable words; all our wasted, half-employed, and misused hours; all our selfishness, vanity, and ungodliness; all our disregard of Thy talents of example and influence; all our omitted duties, and all our committed sins; that which we have done carelessly or ignorantly, and that which we wickedly heeded not, or have forgotten; Thou, O Lord, knowest all, rememberest all, and must bring all into judgment, even every secret thing.

O Lord, give us this night Thy grace of meditation. self-recollection, and confession.

Suffer us not to cloke or veil before Thee our hearts or our lives. Thou art greater than our hearts, and knowest all things: grant that we may never think of Thee as though Thou wert such an one as ourselves, but may ever remember that Thou settest our misdeeds before Thee, yea, our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance.

Forgive, O God, all that Thou hast seen amiss in us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who came into the world to save sinners. Hide Thy face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Give us a lively and stedfast faith in His full and sufficient sacrifice, and a spirit of loving devotion to Him who, when we were sinners, died for us that we might live.

Grant, O Lord, that we may rest this night under Thy protection, and awaken with souls earnest to seek Thee, and to

profit by the ordinances of Thy holy day. As our Lord Jesus Christ did on this day of the week lie buried in the grave, so may we utterly destroy and abolish all our sinful and earthly passions, setting our affections on things above, and living the life which we now live in the flesh by faith in the Son of God, who loved us, and gave Himself for us.

Bestow Thy blessing, O Lord, upon Thy ministers and Thy Churches everywhere. May increasing multitudes hear Thy Word, receive it, and live by it. May the power of Thy Gospel be seen more and more in the lives of them that believe. So work Thy great work, Almighty God, in this our country and in this our generation, that the gainsayer may be silenced, the doubter convinced, the wavering established, and the sinful converted; and grant that at the last,

according to Thy blessed word of prophecy, the Lord may be King over all the earth; one Lord, and His Name one.

We ask every blessing, for ourselves and for all men, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; by whom, and with whom, all honour and glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

Second Week.

Sunday Morning.

ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, who, on the First Day of Thy Creation, didst cause light to shine out of darkness, figuring thereby the glorious revelation of Thyself to the spirits and souls of Thy creatures; shine, we pray Thee, in our dark and sinful hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of Thy glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

Lord, we are ignorant, and slow of heart to believe: teach Thou us by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, and enable us to lay hold on that truth wherein we have been instructed. Cause the Word of Christ

to enter our hearts, and to dwell within us in its wisdom and in its strength.

Lord, we are restless and comfortless, till Thou visit us with Thy peace and Thy consolation. In vain do we seek happiness in this world: again and again have we found sorrow, where we looked for happiness; and disappointment, when we seemed to have attained. Thou, Lord, for Thy glory and for our good, hast written vanity upon the creature, that we may cease from earthly desires, and fix all our affection upon the things above. O grant that we may know Thee as our Father in Christ Jesus, and, believing, may have life through His name.

Lord, we are helpless and sin-bound, till Thou sendest to us the liberty wherewith Christ makes His people free. Too often we have lain in willing bondage, stopping our ears against the call of conscience and

duty. And when we have sought to rid ourselves of our sins and infirmities, we have found our own strength weakness against the power of the flesh and of the world. Lord, give us that strength which is made perfect in weakness, even that Holy Spirit of grace, whom Thou hast promised to them that diligently seek Him.

We pray Thee, O Lord, to send out Thy light and Thy truth, that they may guide us into Thy holy presence. Grant that this day may be a day of help and blessing to our souls and to the souls of many. Be with us in Thy House of Prayer. Fix all our thoughts upon Thee, and draw out our desires after Thee. May we hold communion with Thee by the Holy Spirit, and be strengthened to go on our way rejoicing.

Send into our souls the spirit of rest and peace. Keep far from us this day all strife

and debate, all anxious longing after the things of this world, all distressing doubts and fears concerning Thy Revelation and Thy promise. Enable us to rise, in heart and soul, to the place where Christ sitteth at Thy right hand, and feel it to be indeed our country and our home.

Bless the labours of Thy ministers everywhere. Pour out upon them the Spirit of faith, and the Spirit of wisdom, and the Spirit of love, and the Spirit of holiness. Give grace to Thy people to hear Thy Word meekly, to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit.

Help us, O Lord, to press forward more earnestly towards the goal of our long race. Grant that none of us, through carelessness, unfaithfulness, or sin, may forfeit our crown. Give us grace to lay aside every weight,

and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and to run with patience even to the end the race that is set before us. And receive us, O Lord, when we die, into the everlasting habitations, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our only Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

Sunday Evening.

BLESSED LORD, who hast given us Thy holy day, and hast caused us once again to enjoy its rest and its benediction; enable us now to come before Thee with contrite and believing hearts, to offer our evening sacrifice of confession and prayer and praise.

Lord, we thank Thee for the opportunities of good this day vouchsafed to us. Of Thy grace alone it is that we are permitted to know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent. We bless Thee for having revealed Thyself to us in Thy Holy Word, and for having shed abroad in this land the light of Thy Gospel. We bless Thee for having built Thy Church

upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, and for having brought us into it by Thy Holy Baptism. We bless Thee for allowing us, Thy sinful creatures, to draw nigh unto Thee in ordinances of worship, and for the special promise which Thou hast given to the gathering of ourselves together in the faith of Jesus. We bless Thee for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

We would confess, O Lord, with shame and sorrow before Thee, our negligent and thankless use of these Thy unspeakable gifts. Too often, O Lord, have we drawn nigh unto Thee with our lips, while our hearts were far from Thee. Many times in the Services of this day we have wandered in thought from the word heard with the ear, and from the prayers and praises uttered with the tongue. O Lord, if Thou

shouldest enter into judgment with us, even for our worship, we could not stand in Thy sight. Forgive, we pray Thee, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, the iniquities of our holy things. And teach us by the Holy Spirit to feel and to deplore this sin by which we do despite to Thy gifts of grace, and turn the things which should have been for our good into an occasion of falling.

Grant, O Lord, that, before we lie down to rest, we may stir up the grace which we have suffered to languish within us this day. Make the thought of sin real and burdensome to us, that we may understand our need of the Cross and the Atonement. Set before our souls the sight of Jesus Christ, suffering for us, dead, and buried. Give us faith in His glorious Resurrection. Cause us to behold Him with the eye of

faith, present before Thee, as our High Priest, our Mediator, and our Intercessor. Inspire us with a great love towards Him, and enable us, for life and for death, to commit ourselves entirely to His power, His grace, and His salvation. Pour out upon us abundantly Thy Holy Spirit, that we may rise above the things that are earthly and transitory, and enter upon that true and immortal life which is hidden with Christ in Thee.

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, to take under Thy protection, this night, ourselves, our souls and bodies. May all whom we love, all who are connected with us, committed to us, or kindly affectioned towards us, rest to-night in Thy peace, and awake to Thy service. Bless Thy Church, in this land, and throughout all the earth. Have mercy upon all men. Comfort all who

mourn. Watch over the sick. Convince the doubting. Bring back into the way of peace the wandering and the sinning. Make known Thy salvation to all nations, and grant that the knowledge of Thy truth and of Thy salvation may at last cover the earth even as the waters cover the sea.

Hear us, O Lord, in all our prayers, for the sake of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Monday Morning.

O GOD, our Creator and Preserver, our Redeemer and Comforter, give us grace to draw nigh unto Thee with devout hearts, before we enter upon the work of another week. Help us to count over Thy mercies and our sins. Grant us a deep and serious sense of our unspeakable obligation to Thee, and our entire dependence upon Thee. To Thee, O God, we owe all that we have; life itself, with all its powers, its gifts, its opportunities, and its enjoyments; minds capable of knowing Thee, souls made for communion with Thee; the revelation of Thy love in Jesus Christ, the promise of Thine indwelling Spirit, and the blessed hope of everlasting life.

Lord, we thank Thee, we bless and glorify Thee, for each one of Thy marvellous gifts. We thank Thee for having breathed into us the breath of life, and for the preservation of that life from day to day. We bless Thee for every deliverance from sickness and suffering; for every danger averted, and for every rescue from dangers incurred. We praise Thee for the continuance to us, from moment to moment, of the powers of reason, and sight, and speech, and motion; for each opportunity of working for Thee, for ourselves, and for our generation; for every kindness received, for every kindness given us to do; for influence, and friendship, and affection, and love; for each comfort and enjoyment of our home, for each solace of our sadness, and each helper of our joy. Above all, we would glorify Thy Holy Name for every

good thought and holy desire which Thou hast sent into our souls; for every reproof of conscience when we were falling from grace, for every influence of Thy Holy Spirit, for each victory over temptation, and each longing and effort after holiness. What have we, O Lord, that we have not received? O give us thankful hearts to feel and to confess all Thy goodness.

But, O God, we know that we have not rendered unto Thee according to Thy loving-kindness. We have often forgotten to thank Thee for Thy gifts: we have often suffered Thy gifts to make us unmindful of the Giver. When Thou hast chastened us, we have not humbled ourselves before Thee: when Thou hast denied us, for our good, some evil thing which we lusted after, we have often repined at Thy severity: when Thou hast recalled us from our wandering,

we have often refused to return: when Thou hast offered to advance us in the way of godliness, we have often chosen our portion in things seen and temporal.

Have mercy upon us, O God, in the greatness of Thy long-suffering, and renew us by Thy Holy Spirit. Give us grace to feel Thy love, and to love Thee for it with a humble and thankful love. Quicken our souls to desire to show Thy praise, not with our lips only, but in our lives. Make us to ask earnestly what return we can render unto Thee for all Thy benefits; and enable us to receive with holy joy the cup of salvation, and to hand it on to others, by word, and by influence, and by good example.

Bless us, Almighty God, in returning this day to our work and our labour until the evening. May the blessed calm of Thy holy day remain still in our souls. May

we carry with us, throughout the week, Thy Word read and heard yesterday, and the sweet influence of Thy worship, Thy presence, and Thy communion. May each day be to us a memorial of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and a foretaste of the eternal rest which remains in Heaven for the people of God. And vouchsafe, O Lord, to bring us all into that rest, for the sake of Him who died for us and rose again, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

Monday Evening.

O GOD, who hast bidden us to be careful for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, to let our requests be made known unto Thee; incline our hearts now to seek Thee, and teach us how to pray. We know not, O Lord, but Thou knowest, what is for our good: give us grace to leave all in Thy hand, and to submit our will to Thine in all things.

Thou hast preserved us, O God, through the day, giving us life and strength, thought and judgment, work to do, and ability to do it: we humbly thank Thee for all these blessings; and, above all, for the knowledge of Thee as our Father in Jesus Christ, our

Guide and Protector in this world, our everlasting Rest and Home in the world to come.

Lord, we confess with shame and sorrow that we have too much forgotten Thee in the occupations and enjoyments of this life. Seldom have our hearts risen toward Thee from amidst the din and confusion of earthly things, to refresh themselves in Thy love, and to strengthen themselves for the conflict with evil. In many things we have thought and spoken and done amiss. We have not honoured Thee, as we ought, by our spirit and temper, our conversation and example. We have not set Thee before us all the day long, nor striven with all our hearts to draw others toward Thee.

O God, forgive, we pray Thee, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, all that is past; all our negligences and ignorances,

all our shortcomings in duty, all our backslidings from grace. Absolve us from our offences, and enable us to lie down to rest this night at peace with Thee, through Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

Write deeply upon our hearts the Revelation of Thy love for us, of Thy watchful Providence over us, of Thy spiritual Presence within us. Grant that Thy peace, which passeth all understanding, may keep our hearts and minds, this night and for ever, through Christ Jesus. Teach us, in whatsoever state we are, therewith to be content. When Thou sendest trouble, grant with it the grace to see its merciful purpose; and enable us both to do and to bear all things, through Christ strengthening us. Supply all our need, in mind and body and estate, while life lasts; and give us a blessed entrance into the world beyond

death, where we shall see Thee as Thou art, and drink for ever of the river of Thy pleasures.

We commend, O Lord, to Thy merciful protection all to whom we are bound by ties of duty or of affection. Bless our country, our Church, and those who are set over us in either, as Thy ministers to us for good. Bless our neighbours, our relations, our friends. Unite us in Thy one family and household, which is the blessed company of all faithful people. Grant us grace to look beyond and above all earthly and human differences, to that truer and deeper unity which knits together, as one man, all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.

We pray for all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Give them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue,

in life or in death, out of all their afflictions, through Thy grace in Christ Jesus.

Finally, we bless Thy Holy Name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear; beseeching Thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

Tuesday Morning.

BLESSED LORD, look down in mercy upon us Thine unworthy servants, and pour upon us the Spirit of grace and supplication. Help us to begin, continue, and end this day in Thee. O Lord, our life is but death till Thou enterest into it, to fill it with Thy presence and Thy blessing. Raise our thoughts to the heaven of Thy holiness and Thy glory, and may we hold communion with Thee, through Jesus Christ, by the Holy Spirit.

O Lord, we know not the day nor the hour when the Son of Man cometh. Grant that we may have, not only the lamp of a Christian profession, but also the oil of spiritual grace to keep it ever brightly

burning. Keep us ever wakeful in spirit, that we be not startled or affrighted by the summons to meet the Bridegroom. Give us grace to be always ready, that we may see Him with holy joy, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

O Lord, teach us to receive all Thy gifts to us, whether in nature or grace, as talents for which we must give account. Grant that we may never forget from whose hand they come, or in whose service they ought to be employed. May neither indolence nor self-indulgence nor vanity make us negligent in remembering Thee as our only Lord and Master. Help us to be diligent in our work, strict in our self-control, and fervent in our devotion. Keep far from us all hard thoughts concerning Thee, all mistrust of Thy wisdom and justice and goodness and love. Make us faithful in a little here, that

hereafter we may be entrusted with a greater and more blessed service in our Lord's presence in Heaven.

O Lord, grant that our faith may evermore work by love. May we see, in all who surround us, Thy redeemed and Thy children. In all who suffer, may we see Christ suffering; in all who are oppressed or outcast or tempted, may we see His brethren, and minister to them as unto Him. O grant that we may not fall into the great condemnation of those who pass Him by, unheeded, when He is sick, or hungry, or a stranger, or in prison. Open our eyes to behold Him, and our hearts to minister to Him, in His distressed and suffering creatures.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, to pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, without which whosoever liveth is

counted dead before Thee. May we ever praise and bless Thee for showing us how we may render unto Thee the thank-offering of our love. Grant that this day we may discern Thy hand and Thy presence, in every opportunity afforded us of doing good. May we be never weary in well-doing, knowing that in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Grant Thy blessing, O Heavenly Father, to this house, and to all who are in any way connected with it. Make us all Thine, in willing devotion, as we are all Thine by Creation and by Redemption. Unite us in that true communion and fellowship, which is the possession of one Holy and Divine Spirit. Give us grace so to live together here, in the bond of peace and of the love of Christ, that we may all meet hereafter in our Father's home, to be divided again no more for ever.

We ask every blessing in the name of Thy Blessed Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Tuesday Evening.

O LORD, it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Help us to end it with Thee. Give us grace to bring all the labours and trials, all the comforts and joys, all the temptations and sins, of this day, to Thy footstool, that we may find forgiveness and peace and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Righteousness and our Strength.

O Lord, Thou hast revealed Thyself to us in Him as our living and loving Father. Though we have sinned against Thee, yet Thou callest us Thy children, and pleadest with us, by the Cross of Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit of grace and adoption. Lord, Thou wouldest draw us toward Thee by the cords of love: help us not to resist Thy

love, but to accept it thankfully, and to give it room in our hearts, and earnestly to yield ourselves to its blessed influence, that we may find in it perpetual peace, and, having lived unto Thee in this world, may hereafter live with Thee in Heaven for ever.

Enable us, O Father, to pray with all our hearts, as Thy Son Jesus hath taught us, that Thy Name may be hallowed, that Thy kingdom may come, and that Thy will may be done on earth, as it is done in heaven. O God, give us an earnest zeal for Thy honour. May we ourselves remember Thee, and think of Thee, and deal with Thee, as that holy God which Thou hast shown Thyself in the word and work of Christ. May Thy kingdom come to us, even that blessed rule within us, which is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. And may Thy holy will be done, with us, and in

us, and by us all, even as it is done in Heaven, where saints and Angels serve Thee without weariness, beholding Thy face in glory, and hearkening day and night to the voice of Thy words.

Father, we pray Thee to give us day by day our daily bread. Whatsoever Thou seest to be needful for us, in mind and body and estate, that give Thou; and judge Thou in all things for us what is for our good. Give us evermore that bread of life, which is Jesus Christ; and that water of life, which is the Holy Ghost.

Father, forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive. For our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who bore our sins, wash away the guilt which is upon us by reason of our transgressions against Thee. Forgive, O Father, with a free forgiveness; and fill us with that spirit of the forgiven, which is peace with all men.

Father, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Suffer us not to be tempted above that we are able; but with every temptation make also a way for us to escape, and give us grace to use it. Father, keep us from evil. From all sin and wickedness, from carelessness and presumption, from coldness and hardness and contempt of Thy Word, from an ungodly life and from everlasting death, Lord, evermore deliver us.

Thou art our Father, O God, and we are Thy children. O keep us Thine for ever, and grant us daily to increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more, till we come to Thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Wednesday Morning.

O GOD, our Heavenly Father, help us now to draw nigh unto Thee with all our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ. Give us Thy Holy Spirit, that we may come with humility and earnestness to Thy Throne of grace, and receive out of Thy fulness the comfort and strength which we need for the day on which we are entering.

Lord, we know and feel how empty and poor is this life, without Thy presence and Thy blessing. Thou hast given us immortal souls, capable of knowing and loving Thee; hungry and thirsty, even unto death, till they find satisfaction in Thee, our Father and Saviour, and Sanctifier. Too long, O Lord, have we sought rest in the things of

this world. Too often have we hewn out for ourselves broken cisterns that could hold no water. Other lords beside Thee have had dominion over us. We have given ourselves to the desires and pleasures, the ambitions and affections, of this world, and have refused to listen to that still small voice, which bade us to seek and to delight ourselves in the things above. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for all the negligences and offences of the days that are past; refuse us not, O Lord, when we come unto Thee confessing our folly and our sin, and praying Thee to forgive and receive us for the sake of Him who taketh away the sins of the world.

Suffer us not, O Lord, to lie any longer tied and bound in the sepulchre of this world. Send into our souls Thy Holy Spirit, that we may feel the comfort and

blessedness of things Divine. Quicken in us the aspiration after joys and glories which earth can neither give nor take away. Arouse in our hearts that one ambition which is according to Thy will, to please Christ in all things, to do His work here, and to rest in Him for ever.

Lord, we have seen again and again the end of the life of this world; how it withers and fades, and leaves nothing behind but vanity and vexation of spirit. Keep us, O Heavenly Father, from having our portion and our treasure below. May we live for that life which alone is unchangeable and eternal.

Grant us grace, O Lord, to receive at Thy hand, with submission and reverence, all that is contrary to our natural will. May we dread nothing but Thy displeasure, and count it all joy when Thou, in Thy

Fatherly love, art pleased to correct and chasten.

We beseech Thee, O Heavenly Father, to have mercy on all those who are still wandering in the ways of sin. Bring them home, Blessed Lord, to Thy flock. Send Thy holy comfort into hearts mourning for sin. May they see Jesus Christ as the Saviour of sinners, and come to Him that they may have life. Especially vouchsafe Thy restoring grace to any member of this household, who may have upon his conscience the burden of guilt and shame. Bless every effort made in the faith of Jesus Christ to bring sinners to repentance. Without Thee, O Lord, all is in vain; human skill, human zeal, human enterprise. Grant to Thy Church, and to every member of it, that Spirit, of faith working by love, which Thou alone givest, by Thy Son Jesus Christ,

and which is evermore mighty and shall prevail.

To Thy holy keeping, O Heavenly Father, we commit ourselves this day; praying Thee to forgive, to bless, and to sanctify us, for the sake of Him whom Thou didst give to save sinners, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Wednesday Evening.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ; we draw nigh unto Thee this evening, not trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies, to ask Thy forgiveness and blessing before we lie down to rest.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, graciously to behold this Thy family, for which, as for all the families of the earth, our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to suffer and die. We confess before Thee, O God, with shame and sorrow, our own part in that sin which He bore upon the Cross. Quicken our consciences, O God, by Thy Holy Spirit, to feel ourselves guilty of His Passion and

His Crucifixion. O may we hate that sin which wounded and pierced Him. Give us grace to abhor it, as His enemy and ours. As He died and rose again for us, so may we, not in name only, but in deed and in truth, die from all sin, and live again unto righteousness.

Grant us, O Lord, true and contrite hearts, that we may repent of the sins that we have committed this day, by thought, word, and deed, as well as of all the negligence and coldness of heart whereby we have lost opportunities of doing and receiving good. May we lay to heart our transgressions, and set ourselves earnestly to seek Thy help, that we may do better in the time to come.

Forgive us, O Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, all that is past, and renew us by Thy Holy Spirit. Consecrate us wholly

to Thyself; and grant that our whole spirit and soul and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord.

Watch over us through the hours of sleep and darkness, and bring us, if it please Thee, in safety to the dawning of another day. Come near, O Lord, and bless us, when we awake. Whether we wake or sleep, may we be continually with Thee.

We pray Thee to look in mercy and compassion upon the Church and people which Thou hast redeemed. Pour out upon us the Spirit of revival and refreshing. Give us grace to strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die. May we remember from whence we have fallen, and hold fast and repent. May we hear the voice of Christ, and open the door, that He may enter our hearts by His Spirit, and abide with us for ever.

Grant to the ministers of Thy Word large increase of zeal and devotion, that they may seek the wandering, raise the fallen, and bind up the broken-hearted in the name of our Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. And hasten the day, Blessed Lord, when Thy kingdom shall come, and Thy will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven; when the sorrows of Thy people shall be for ever comforted, and the tears shall be wiped for ever from off all faces; when there shall be no more pain, nor separation, nor death, but Thou shalt have made all things new.

We ask every blessing in the name of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Thursday Morning.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Fountain of all goodness, who hast mercifully opened to us a way of access to Thyself, through Jesus Christ, by the Holy Spirit; give us grace to draw nigh unto Thee, this morning, with a true heart, in full assurance of faith.

Day by day, O God, we waken to sin and infirmity, and find ourselves far off from the strength and the holiness promised to us in Christ Jesus. When we would do good, evil is present with us. Even when the spirit is willing, still the flesh is weak. Even when we clearly perceive the way in which we should go, we turn aside from it through sloth and self-indulgence,

or walk in it with sluggish and languid steps.

Look mercifully, O Father, upon our infirmities. We pray Thee not to suffer us to find contentment in evil, but to raise us out of it by the effectual grace of Thy Spirit. Make Thy strength sufficient for us; even that strength of Christ, which is made perfect in weakness.

We know, O Lord, that we deserve nothing at Thy hands, but rejection and punishment. We have wrought out our own weakness and blindness, by neglecting the help which Thou hast given us, in Thy Word of promise, and in the call of Thy grace. Thy light has shone around us, but we have chosen the darkness; deferring till a more convenient season the work of good, and the conflict with evil. We deserve only that Thou shouldest be silent to us for

ever, disregarding the cry of those who have so long and so wilfully refused the voice of Thy love.

Yet to Thee, O Lord, belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against Thee. Turn from us, we pray Thee, the evil which we have deserved. Listen to us, in Thy long-suffering love, who have so often stopped the ear and closed the heart against Thee. Soften our hard hearts, and bend our stubborn wills, that we may at last hear Thy voice and live.

Give us grace, O Lord, to put our whole trust in the freeness and fulness of Thy love. May we never doubt that Thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Even when we see Thee not, still may we put our trust in Thee. Even when faith seems to be dead within us, may we bring our unbelief to the foot of the

Cross, and wait the removal of the stone which is too heavy for us to roll away. Give us grace still to look to Thee, crying, Lord, I believe: help Thou mine unbelief.

And while we wait upon Thee, O Lord, for an answer of peace, may we set ourselves to cleanse our lives and hearts from that unholiness which cannot dwell in Thy sight. Give us a sincere desire to be pure in heart. Whatsoever there is in us, in thought or deed, contrary to Thy holy will, may we make no peace with it, but ever war against it, and cast it out. In the way of Thy judgments, O Lord, may we wait for Thee, till Thou lift up the light of Thy countenance upon us, and give us peace.

Grant Thy blessing, we pray Thee, to the day on which we are entering. Be Thou with us from morning till evening, and

forward us, this day, in the way of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our only Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Thursday Evening.

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, look upon us, Thy sinful children, gathered as one family at Thy footstool in the name of Jesus Christ. Help us to feel, as we ought, our unworthiness and Thy goodness. It is of Thy mercy, O Lord, that we are not consumed; because Thy compassions fail not. O give us grace not only to say, We have sinned; but deeply to feel the burden of our sins, that we may understand the greatness of Thy love shown in the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, to take away the guilt of the world.

Awaken in our souls, O Lord, the desire to draw night unto Thee. May we feel that it is not life to live apart from Thee. Give

us that true hungering and thirsting after Thee, which Thou hast promised evermore to satisfy with Thyself. Suffer us not to think that we have need of nothing, when Thou seest us empty and destitute and blind and naked. Suffer us not to be at rest, till we find rest in Thee.

Grant, O Lord, that we may not delay or procrastinate in the great work of seeking Thee. May we see the way opened and consecrated for us, in the death, and in the life after death, of Thy Son Jesus Christ. By that new and living way, may we draw nigh unto Thee in faith, and find rest unto our souls.

Write deeply upon our minds, O Lord, the lesson of Thy Holy Word, that only the pure in heart can hereafter see God. Stir within us an earnest longing for that holiness without which no man can see the

Lord. Leave us not in the bondage of our sinful nature. Suffer us not to be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. Give us grace to fight manfully, under the banner of our Lord Jesus Christ, against the world, the flesh, and the devil, in our own hearts and lives. May we neither deceive ourselves with the thought that we have no sin; nor yet idly acquiesce in that sin of which our conscience accuses us. Strengthen us by Thy Holy Spirit, to fight the good fight of faith; and in Thine own good time give us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ

Grant that day by day we may increase and go forward in the life of grace. Put out our spiritual enemies before us by little and little, and may no day pass without some decisive battle within us against the power of evil.

Almighty God, we beseech Thee to give Thy help and blessing to all those who are engaged in the struggle of truth and holiness. Give great success to their labours. Grant that they never be weary in well-doing. Make the preaching of Thy Word powerful, for the conviction of sinners, the recovery of backsliders, and the edification of saints. Make the work of Thy Church more earnest, more devoted, more hopeful, more successful. Advance the cause of Thy Gospel, and make it to spread more widely, and penetrate more deeply, into the realm of this world's darkness.

We commend to Thy gracious keeping, this night, our souls and bodies. Grant that no danger may disturb our hours of resting. Grant that we may rise in the morning, refreshed in body and mind and soul, for the work and the conflict of an-

other day. At last, receive us unto Thyself, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Friday Morning.

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, who on this sixth day of the week didst give Thy Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for us; grant us grace to lay to heart the lessons of His sacrifice, and to live the life that we now live in the flesh, by faith in Him who died for us and rose again.

Give us a deep sense, O Lord, of our own share in those sins which caused our blessed Saviour to suffer and die. Make us to feel ourselves not only partakers of a fallen nature, but sinners against Thee in thought and word and act, in evil things done, and good left undone. May we take to ourselves the shame and the sin of having

crucified, again and again, by our wickednesses, the Lord of glory.

Give us a deep sense, O Lord, of Thy holiness; how Thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and canst not overlook or pass by that which is evil. Give us grace to read in the Cross of Christ Thy witness against sin, seeing Thou didst not spare Thine own Son from shame and pain and death, that He might make Atonement and Propitiation for it.

Give us a deep sense, O Lord, of Thy wonderful love towards us; how Thou wouldest not let us alone in our ruin, but didst come after us, in the Person of Thy Son Jesus Christ, into the far country of our misery and exile, to bring us back to the home of Thy holiness and of Thy love. O grant that we may never doubt that what Thou hast undertaken Thou hast also ac-

complished; that Thou hast made a full and perfect Atonement, on the Cross of Jesus Christ, for all our sins; and that Thou art able and willing to save to the uttermost all who come unto Thee through Him.

Give us a deep sense, O Lord, of our obligation to Him, for having put away our sins by the sacrifice of Himself. Quicken in us the spirit of gratitude, and the spirit of devotion, and the spirit of sacrifice. Make us to feel that we are not our own, but bought with a price. Grant that we may live no longer the life of self-indulgence, worldliness, or vanity; but may seek in all things to please Him, who humbled Himself for us, even to the death of the Cross, that we, dying unto sin, might live unto righteousness.

Send into our souls, O Heavenly Father, that Holy Spirit, who is able to quicken the

dead soul into the very life of God. Make the thought of Jesus Christ real to us, and persuasive, and powerful; overcoming in us the force of evil habit, and the indolence of long selfishness, and the indisposition of our dull and sensual nature to Thy will and Thy promise, and drawing us, by the attraction of His dying love, towards the peace and the happiness and the strength which is in Him for all who believe.

And, O Lord, as He died for all, that there might be room for all mankind in the mercy and in the grace which is offered to sinners in the Redemption of the world by Jesus Christ; so pour into our hearts the spirit of a universal charity, that we may do good, with ungrudging hearts, to all whom Thou bringest near to us in the intercourse of this life; may rejoice, not in their calamity, but in their prosperity; not in

their grief, but in their joy; not in their fall, but in their rising; seeing in all men Thy creatures and Thy children, redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, and embraced within the arms of Thy mercy and of Thy love.

Grant us grace thus to live through the day which is now beginning; and bring us back, at evening, to wash again in the fountain opened for sin and for uncleanness, even in the exhaustless mercy which flows from the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, who now liveth and reigneth, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Friday Evening.

O GOD, whose Blessed Son Jesus Christ, when He had suffered for our sins, was taken down from the Cross, and laid in the sepulchre; grant that we may bury in His grave all our corrupt affections, and rise with Him to newness of life; that so, when we die we may enter into everlasting glory, through the same blessed Saviour, who is the Resurrection and the Life.

Lord, increase our faith in Him who died to take away the sins of the world. Give peace to our consciences, and rest to our souls, in the knowledge of the all-sufficiency of His Atonement. Grant that we may so trust in His one sacrifice once offered, that

our faith in Thy sight may never be reproved.

Grant, O Lord, that, being released from the burden of our sins through a true and living faith in the completeness of His Propitiation, we may set forth, day by day, with a quiet mind, to live above the world, and to do and suffer all Thy will. Give us grace never to turn the greatness of Thy mercy into an excuse for sloth or ungodliness. May the love of Christ constrain us, to live no longer to ourselves, but unto Him who died for us and rose again.

Quicken our consciences, O Lord, by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may feel as we ought our past ingratitude to Thee. Make us ashamed of the idleness, the worldliness, the carelessness, the sensuality, of which we have been guilty before Thee. Lord, our own hearts condemn us; and Thou art

greater than our hearts, and knowest all things. O God, that which we have forgotten, that of which we took no account, through the lightness of our minds, but which Thou knowest and rememberest against us, in the days of childhood and youth and full age, blot it out, we pray Thee, in the blood of Jesus Christ, and let it not rise in judgment against us, when we stand hereafter before Thy Throne.

Give us, O Lord, a humbled and chastened spirit, that we may never presume upon Thy mercy, but may live always as those who have been much forgiven. Make us tender and compassionate towards those who are overtaken by temptation, considering ourselves, how we have fallen in times past, and may fall yet again. Make us watchful and serious and sober-minded, looking ever unto Thee, through

Thy Son Jesus Christ, for grace to stand upright, and to persevere even unto the end.

Lord, we implore Thy special grace for all those whom we ourselves, by influence or evil example, have hindered in duty or tempted to sin. Forgive the great guilt which we have thus brought upon our souls; and by Thine Almighty Spirit bring back into the way of peace those who have erred and have been deceived.

We beseech Thee, O Heavenly Father, to give power and energy to the Word of Thy grace, that it may work mightily in the hearts of sinners, as in the days of old, and as in former years. Keep us, O Lord, from the great sin of despising Thy Gospel, as though it had lost the dew of its youth. Manifest, O God, its Divine power, in the conversion and reformation of many, at home

and abroad. Let Thy way be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations.

Grant, O Lord, that we may lie down to rest this night with thankful hearts, at peace with Thee, and with all mankind, through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we might live together with Thee.

Hear us, O Heavenly Father, for the sake of the same blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Saturday Morning.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who by Thy holy Apostle hast taught us, that, if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His; we come before Thee in a deep sense of our sin and unworthiness, beseeching Thee to make good to us Thy blessed promise, that Thou wilt give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him.

O God, we know and confess before Thee our indolence and cowardice in fighting the good fight of faith. We have suffered the flesh to prevail in us against the Spirit. We have made our fallen nature an excuse for sloth and self-indulgence, instead of calling in the help of Thy grace to give us the victory over it. We have delayed from day to

day the beginning of a new life, or have relied only upon our own strength, and found it utter weakness.

Lord, we know that there is no liberty but that wherewith Christ makes His people free, and no happiness but in Thy willing and loving service. Send into our hearts the Spirit of adoption, that we may know Thee as our Father in Christ Jesus, and earnestly desire in all things to follow Thee now, that hereafter we may dwell with Thee for ever.

Give us grace, O Lord, to live and walk in the Spirit. Without Thee we can do nothing: fill us, O Lord, with Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be led by Him in all things, and bring forth in our lives His blessed fruits. May He dwell within us as the Spirit of love and joy and peace. Take away from our hearts all hardness and cold-

ness, all gloom and moroseness, all hatred and uncharitableness; and renew us after the likeness of Him who is altogether loving and gracious. Fill us with the Spirit of long-suffering, gentleness, and goodness. Make us patient toward all men, even toward the unreasonable and the froward. May we delight in doing good, and in showing toward all men the mind which was first in our Lord and Saviour. Send into our hearts the Spirit of faith and meekness and temperance. May we be true and faithful in word and deed, even when it is to our own hindrance; forbearing and forgiving, in the remembrance of our own faults and infirmities; self-controlled and self-denying in all things, lest we grieve the Holy Spirit, or give occasion to the enemy to blaspheme.

O Lord we are weak; help Thou us. We

can neither will nor do the thing that is right; work Thou in us, by Thy Holy Spirit, both the will and the power to serve and please Thee, O God.

Grant that we may never count any duty either too small or too great for us. Give us grace to keep watch over our thoughts and motives, over our words and actions. Set it before us, O Lord, as our Christian ambition, to make the Gospel of Christ real and attractive to all who come under our influence. And do Thou, Lord, so help our endeavours, that, whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, we may be enabled to seek and to promote Thy glory.

We pray for Thy special help and grace this day. Order all things for us, Blessed Lord, as shall be for our good; every circumstance, every event, every trial, every opportunity; health and sickness, joy and

sorrow, success and failure, comfort and distress: be Thou with us in all, and give us wisdom and grace always to see Thy hand, and to accept Thy decision, and to trust Thy love; so that, living unto Thee, we may pass safely through this world, and come at last to the rest and the inheritance which Thou hast promised to Thy children.

Hear us, O Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Saturday Evening.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Fountain of a wisdom, who hast measured out ou life to us by weeks and months and years, so teaching us to number our days, and to take account of the course and flight of time; we come before Thee at the end of this week, earnestly desiring pardon and forgiveness for our many negligences, inconsistencies, follies, and sins. O Lord, our consciences are troubled, our souls are wearied within us, in the remembrance of our past transgressions. Thou hast given us many and great advantages for leading a godly and a Christian life. Thou hast given us the knowledge of Thyself, as our merciful Father in Christ Jesus. Thou hast given us

time and opportunity, reason and conscience, the offer of Thy grace, and the inward striving of Thy Spirit. Thou hast set us in the midst of others, at home and abroad, and hast bidden us to see, in all, the creatures of Thy hand and the children of Thy family. Thou hast warned us by the revelation of Thy judgment, watched over us by the care of Thy Providence, and invited us by the gracious voice of Thy Gospel.

O God, we confess with shame and sorrow before Thee, how cold has been our love toward Thee who hast shown such great love to us. We have lived too much for ourselves, and too little for Thy glory. We have enjoyed Thy gifts, as though they were our own, and have forgotten that we have nothing which we have not received. We have gone to our daily work, as though

it were all of the earth, and had no concern with Thee and with Thy service. We have taken our part in the society and conversation of others, without thinking, as we ought, of their spiritual and everlasting good.

To Thee, O God, all hearts are open: from Thee no secrets are hid. We would come unto Thee, confessing, each one, those faults and sins which others see not and suspect not in us, but which are all full in view in the light of Thy countenance. O God, though we are ashamed before Thee when we think of our vileness, yet we would not, even if we could, conceal anything from Thee, but rejoice rather that Thou knowest us as we are, and seest every desire and every motive of our hearts. Help us, Lord, to strip off every mask and veil, when we come into Thy presence, and to

spread before Thee every thought and every secret of our being.

Wash us, O merciful Father, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb, who was slain to take away the sins of the world. Take from us all unbelief, and all doubt, concerning the sufficiency of His one Atonement. Give us grace to trust in Him as our Saviour, and to rejoice in Thee, with unfeigned hearts, as our reconciled Father in Thy beloved Son.

Prepare us by deep repentance for the comfort of Thy holy day. May we sleep in peace, under the protection of Thy good Providence, and awaken, in hope and joy, to partake in all the blessings of the weekly festival of the Resurrection. May we hunger and thirst after Thee, that we may also be satisfied, in heart and soul, out of Thy fulness.

Grant, Lord, that every member of Th Church and household may be quickene and strengthened to-morrow by the blesse ordinances of prayer and praise, of faithf preaching, and holy Communion. Pour o Thy Holy Spirit upon the Congregatio and upon the ministers of Thy Churc Enlarge our expectations of grace, and c Thou, Almighty God, do for us above a that we ask or think. And when th great day shall come, for which the who creation is groaning and travailing in pai together, may we be found amongst Th true children, and be admitted into th blessed rest which remaineth for the peop of God.

Hear us, O merciful Father, for Thy So our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Third Week.

Sunday Morning.

O GOD, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ hast taught us that they who would worship Thee acceptably must worship Thee in spirit and in truth; look upon us in compassion, we pray Thee, on this Thy holy day; have mercy upon our coldness and blindness and hardness of heart; and quicken us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may approach Thee in sincerity, and offer to Thee a spiritual offering of devotion and love.

Help us to feel as we ought Thine exceeding grace and mercy, in permitting us to draw nigh to Thee. What is man, O

Lord, that Thou shouldst be mindful of Him? Full of sin and infirmity, with wavering desires and wandering thoughts, we can bring Thee nothing, O God, which is worthy of Thy regard, we deserve nothing at Thy hands but rejection and punishment.

And yet, O Lord, Thou knowest that without Thee we cannot live. When Thou takest away our breath, we die: except Thou give us of Thy Spirit, we are dead while we live. O God, we have found it to be thus with us: the world cannot give us the life for which our souls are athirst. With Thee, O God, is the fountain of life: in Thy light alone can we see light.

Blessed Lord, help us to feel, as we ought, Thy tender love and mercy, shown towards us, Thy fallen and sinful creatures, in saying to us, Seek ye my face. Dispose us all to answer, with thankful hearts, Thy face,

Lord, will we seek. Encourage us in our feeble efforts to approach Thee, by showing us some token of good. Suffer us not to faint or be weary in this which is for our life. Admit us, this day, into the sanctuary of Thine own spiritual presence, and refresh us with the converse and communion of grace.

We thank Thee, O God, for the institution of Thy Church here on earth, and for all its blessed ministries and services. Lord, Thou hast not left us, each alone, to grope after the way of life. Thou hast given us the comfort and help of a common faith and a common hope, of public ordinances, and assemblies for worship. Thou hast bidden those who fear Thee, in the midst of a thoughtless and ungodly world, to speak often one to another, and hast promised Thyself to hearken and hear them.

Give us grace, O Lord, to feel these Thy blessings, and rightly to use them. May we never trust in that which is outward and formal, but press through the veil into Thine own Divine presence. Pour out upon each one of us Thy Holy and Blessed Spirit, that, being made Thy temples by a true Divine indwelling, we may be fitted to be living stones in the mighty temple of Thy universal Church.

Take away from us this day all vain and unworthy thoughts, amidst the occupations of Thy public service. Fix our attention, O Lord, in earnest and devout faith, upon the words which we shall hear and which we shall utter in Thy House of Prayer. Grant that our souls may rise above all the distractions of things seen and temporal, into that holy and heavenly habitation, where Thou dwellest, among Angels be-

holding Thy face, and spirits of just men already made perfect.

Prosper Thy work, Almighty God, amongst us, on this sinful and sin-stained earth. May the Gospel of our Blessed Saviour have free course, and be glorified. Grant that many souls may be brought this day to repentance and newness of life. May the power of the Cross be put forth this day for conviction of sin, for correction of life, for comfort in sorrow, for strength in weakness, for edification and establishment in righteousness. Add, O Lord, to Thy true Church, this day, many that shall be saved, through the merits and mediation of Thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Sunday Evening.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Son of Man, and Lord of the Sabbath, send forth to us from the Father Thy Holy Spirit, that we may draw nigh to Thee once again, in truth and earnestness, before we lie down to rest. Abide with us, O Lord; for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.

O Thou who on the first day of the week didst rise again from death, and open the kingdom of Heaven to all believers; we would render to Thee unfeigned thanks for having consecrated the weekly rest of Thy holy day, that our souls might be relieved from the toils and distractions of the world, and refreshed by communion with Thee, in the ordinances of Thy Church, for the work

and the conflict which is still before us. This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

O Lord, we are here in the wilderness of this world, and our souls are hungry and thirsty till Thou satisfy them with Thyself. Feed Thou us, O Lord, with the bread of life, that we may eat of it, and live for ever. Bless the ministrations of Thy servants, the stewards of Thy mysteries, and make Thy Word, spoken by their lips, profitable to the hearts of Thy people. Without Thee, O Lord, all is in vain: be Thou present in Thy congregations, and give us out of Thy fulness grace for grace.

Help us, O Lord, after every opportunity of instruction and communion, diligently to gather up the fragments that remain. Grant that we may not waste, by our carelessness or forgetfulness, the precious supply

of Thy grace; but may set ourselves thankfully to treasure, and earnestly to use it.—Impress deeply upon our hearts the truth which we have been taught this day. Give us wisdom to apply it to our spiritual state before Thee, and strength to act upon it in the days that are yet to come.

And now, O Lord, we would look up to Thee where Thou dwellest in the Father's presence upon Thy Holy Hill, and see Thee there as the Mediator and Intercessor for Thy struggling Church below. In all our troubles and adversities, in all our trials and temptations, in all our fears and doubts and misgivings, draw Thou nigh to us, O Blessed Saviour, by Thy Holy Spirit, and cheer us with Thy voice and presence. When the wind is boisterous, and faith is weak, and we begin to sink even as we would fain come to Thee on the water;

stretch forth Thy hand, O Lord, as of old to Thy doubting Apostle, rebuke the winds of error and passion, and say to the sea of perplexity and misery, Peace, be still. Enter Thou our storm-tossed ship, and bring us into the haven where we would be.

Blessed Lord, we would thank Thee with all our hearts for all that Thou hast done and suffered for us. Thou art our Saviour and our Redeemer, our one sufficient Atonement, our Fountain of grace, our Hope of glory. Thou art our Advocate with the Father; our High Priest, making intercession; our Emmanuel, God with us. O may we love Thee, who hast so loved us. May Thy love constrain us, both to trust in Thee, and to give ourselves to Thee. May we know the blessedness of Thy service, and find in Thee perpetual rest and strength.

Lord, we are weak, and helpless, and full of sin. Often we are far from Thee, and indisposed to seek and to return to Thee. But Thou art the same, yesterday, and to-day, and for ever. Thou changest not, neither art weary. O look upon us in Thy great compassion; raise us when we fall; recall us when we wander; leave us not, O Lord, nor forsake us, until Thou hast done that which Thou hast undertaken for us, and made us glad for ever with the joy of Thy countenance.

Unto Thee, O Blessed Saviour, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Monday Morning.

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, who hast mercifully preserved us through the night, and brought us safely to the beginning of another day; we beseech Thee, of Thy great mercy, through our Lord Jesus Christ, to forgive us all our past sins, and to renew us by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled to serve Thee as we ought to do, and to walk with glad hearts in the way of Thy commandments.

Keep us, O Lord, throughout this day, under the protection of Thy good Providence. Preserve us from all adversities which may happen to the body. Give us a right understanding in all things, and

such success in our endeavours as Thou seest to be good for us. May we set Thee before us in all our doings, and look up to Thee for Thy blessing.

Grant us, O Lord, Thy Holy Spirit, that we may both think and do that which is well pleasing in Thy sight. Keep far from us all vanity and self-conceit, all eagerness of ambition, all restlessness of self-seeking, all impatience, censoriousness, and uncharitableness, all unbelief, ungodliness, and presumptuous sin. Without Thee, O Lord, we can do nothing: work Thou in us, by Thy Holy Spirit, both to will and to do of Thy good pleasure.

Grant us grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Keep us ever watchful, as knowing our weakness; devout, and humble, and earnest in prayer. May we never despise the first

beginnings of evil, but strive to be pure in heart as well as holy in life.

Lord, Thou hast appointed to each of us our work and our resting; our day of toil, and our night of repose. May we set Thy glory before us in each duty upon which we are now entering. May we both do Thy will ourselves, and also draw others to follow Thee.

Give us a kind and Christian spirit, even the mind which was in our Lord and Master. May we feel for the wants and sorrows of others; and seek, not our own ease, but the welfare and happiness of those with whom we have to do. Grant that the power of the Gospel may be seen in the spirit and life of us who believe. May they who as yet believe not, be convinced, even without the Word, by the evidence of our meek and quiet spirit, of our firmness and constancy

and courage and love. Thus may we serve our generation, in serving Thee, till the appointed time comes, and we fall on sleep.

Grant Thy blessing, O Lord, to all for whom we are especially bound to pray. We ask it for our family, for our relations, for our friends. We ask it for all who love us, and care for our good. We ask it for those who love us not; for those who have injured us, and think evil of us. We ask it for the Church to which we belong, and the Congregation in which we worship. For the ministers of Thy Word, and dispensers of Thy Sacraments. For our country, and for all who are set over us in Church and State. For all mankind, however sinful, despised, or degraded; that Thy power may be seen, and Thy Word glorified, in the conversion, recovery, and salvation of the lost.

Finally, we would offer to Thee, O Lord, our heart's thanks and praises for all Thy wonderful love and goodness towards us, in Creation and Preservation, in Redemption and Grace. Grant to us, Lord, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit, that we may have a due sense of all Thy bounty and loving-kindness, and may show forth our thankfulness, not with our lips only, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Monday Evening.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father we would come before Thee this night, confessing our sins. Another day is gone to its account; and we know and feel, O Lord, in how many things it must witness against us. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. We have been often careless and worldly, selfish and indifferent; we have neglected opportunities of doing good, both by word and action; we have suffered ourselves too often to forget what we are, as Thy creatures fallen from our original uprightness, as Thy children redeemed from our lost state through the

salvation which is in Christ Jesus. We have not served Thee this day, nor loved Thee, as we ought to have done: we have too much pleased ourselves, and followed our own inclination, instead of living for Thy glory, and for the good, in body and soul, of those amongst whom Thou hast placed us.

Lord, Thou hast seen us this day as man sees not; as we see not our own selves. Thou hast seen the unworthy motives of our best actions; how we desire the praise of men, and think not of the honour which cometh from Thee only. Our secret thoughts, our unholy desires, our wandering and restless and foolish imaginations, Lord, Thou knowest all; nothing is hidden from Thee. And Thou wilt one day bring all into judgment, making manifest the very counsels of our hearts.

We pray Thee, O Heavenly Father, to give us a spirit of true repentance, that we may deeply feel our sins, and earnestly forsake them, and hunger and thirst after that holiness without which no man can see Thee. Forgive us, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, all that is past. Endue us with Thy Holy Spirit, that we may not continue in any evil way, but may awake from the sleep of sin to the life of righteousness. Give us grace, before we rest this night, to devote ourselves entirely to Thee, that we may be Thine in body and soul, and walk before Thee in holy love till we come to be with Thee for ever.

Bless with us, O Heavenly Father, all whom we love, and who love us; all to whom we are indebted for any help or comfort in our lives; all who are set over us in Church or State; all who are under

our charge, authority, or influence. Bless any who have ever injured us, and grant us a gentle and forgiving spirit toward them. May we remember our own many and great transgressions against Thee, and regard with sorrow and compassion those who know not the way of peace.

Shine, O Lord, into the dark places of the earth with the light of Thy Gospel. May the habitations of vice, ungodliness, and cruelty, become homes of faith and love and purity. May there be at last but one Lord honoured and worshipped throughout the whole earth, even our Divine Saviour Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Accept, O God, our praises and thanksgivings for all Thy mercies bestowed upon us. For life and breath, for food and clothing, and for all the comforts of our

home; for strength and health, for every faculty and every opportunity, for kindness and affection and brotherly love; for the knowledge of Thee as our Father, and of Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and of the Holy Spirit as our Comforter; for the means of grace and communion with Thee, and for the hope which Thou hast given us of a place hereafter in Thy presence; we bless Thee, O Lord, we praise and glorify Thee, beseeching Thee to fill us with Thy love and heavenly benediction, through Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Tuesday Morning.

O LORD, Thy mercies are new every morning: help us to draw nigh unto Thee, and teach us how to pray.

Doubtless Thou art our Father, though we have rebelled against Thee. Thou hast made us, and kept us alive, and even unto this day hast not forsaken us. We are thine by Creation, Thine also by Redemption; made in Thine own image, and bought back from our Fall by the precious blood of Christ. Thou hast sent to us the call of Thy Gospel, and hast received us into the fold of Thy Son's Church.

O Lord, we are not straitened in Thee: Thou art all grace and compassion: Thou

still waitest to be gracious, and art always more ready to hear than we to pray.

But, O Father, we are sinners: sinners by the inheritance of a fallen nature; sinners in will and deed, through the estrangement of our hearts from Thee, and the ungodliness and selfishness and wickedness of our lives.

We have done nothing, O God, as we ought to have done: in spirit and motive, in thought and temper, in word and act, we have sinned in everything, and gone astray, in the sight of Thee, the Searcher of our hearts. O God, from whom no secrets are hid, we blush and are ashamed to come into Thy presence: we can but lie in the dust before Thee, and cry, Unclean, unclean.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; and for Thy Son

our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past. We plead His merits, His sacrifice and propitiation: we plead Thy tender mercy, shown in giving Him for us to suffer and die: we plead Thy free promise of pardon and forgiveness to all who flee for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us in Thy beloved Son.

Grant that we may never doubt or limit Thy love, but thankfully cast ourselves upon it, and live in its light and in its strength. Give us the seal of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may have His witness within, and be renewed day by day to Thy willing service.

Take us, O Lord, this day, under Thy protection. Hold Thou us up, and we shall be safe. Keep us, both in body and soul, from all things that may hurt us. Teach, guide, enable, bless us, that we may live in Thee, with Thee, and for Thee, all the day long.

Leave us not alone, for without Thee we are lost, we are helpless, we are dead. Be Thou ever at our right hand, that we may not be moved.

Give us, Almighty Father, that which Thou seest to be good for us this day. Order all things for us. May we see Thy hand in all that befalls us, and receive with loving submission, as from Thee, those things which contradict our will or try our patience.

Bless us, O God, and make us a blessing. Use us as Thy servants and Thy witnesses, that others may take knowledge, through us, of Thy power and of Thy love.

Lead us safely, Blessed Lord, this day, through another stage of our life's journey, towards the rest and the home which Thou hast provided for them that love and fear Thee, in that world where they shall see

Thee as Thou art, and rejoice for ever in the light of Thy countenance.

We ask all for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Tuesday Evening.

BLESSED LORD, we are gathered again before Thee, to ask Thy blessing upon the hours of darkness, and to thank Thee for the mercies of the past day. Pour upon us the Spirit of grace and supplication, that no wandering or irreverent thoughts may mingle with this offering of our evening sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We acknowledge Thy goodness and forbearance and long-suffering towards us, in bringing us safely, through many infirmities, negligences and sins, to the close of another day. O Lord, if Thou hadst been extreme to mark what we have done amiss, our portion this night would have been with the outcast and the lost: for our lives have been unholy

and our transgressions many and great. Too often we have forgotten Thee amidst the attractions of the things that are seen, and have thought more of our own pleasure and advantage than of Thy will and Thy glory.

Lord, Thou knowest all our faults, and our sins are not hidden from Thee. Many things which through carelessness and levity we marked not or have forgotten, Thou, Lord, hast set in the light of Thy countenance, and must bring hereafter into judgment. We pray Thee to wash us from all our guilt, known and unknown, in that fountain which Thou hast opened for sin and uncleanness, even the precious blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ. For His sake, O Father, be merciful to our unrighteousness, and forgive us all that is past.

Give us grace seriously to examine our

hearts and lives, that we may see if there be any way of wickedness in us. Suffer not our will to consent to anything that is evil: may we call earnestly for the help of Thy Holy Spirit to cast out whatsoever is displeasing to Thee, and to cleanse our souls from all that hinders in us the work of Thy grace. Make Thy will our will, O Heavenly Father, in every matter: bring every thought into subjection, and make us altogether and in all things Thine.

Take this house, and every inmate of it, under Thy gracious protection this night. May we lie down at peace with Thee, through our Lord Jesus Christ: may we rest in Thy charge, who slumberest not nor sleepest, and awake to be with Thee all the day long.

Look in mercy, O Lord, upon the earth which Thou hast made, and upon all the

sorrows and miseries of Thy creatures. We would commend especially to Thy fatherly compassion all who mourn for sin; all whose life has been defiled and degraded by their own fault and vileness; all upon whom the hand of punishment and judgment lies heavily, and who have not yet found forgiveness and cleansing in the blood and in the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Lift up the light of Thy countenance upon them, O Lord, who wouldest not that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Bless Thy holy and universal Church, and make it the joy and the blessing of the whole earth. Grant that all who profess and call themselves Christians may cleanse themselves from all defilement of the flesh and spirit, and walk according to the Word and the Example of their Lord and Master.

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Our Father, &c.
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Wednesday Morning.

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, the morning light calls us to Thy Throne of grace. Awaken our hearts to pray and give praise. Give ear to our prayer, O God; and hide not Thyself from our supplication.

We come before Thee in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, not trusting in our own righteousness. We plead before Thee His sacrifice, whom Thou didst give, of Thine infinite mercy, for the sins of the whole world. Accept us, O Father, for His sake, who was delivered for our offences, and raised again for our justification.

Thou hast reconciled us to Thyself by the

death of Thy Son: O Lord, save us by His life. Give us grace to look up to Him, and to Thee through Him, for pardon, and peace, and the Holy Spirit. Grant that we may begin, continue, and end this day, in the recollection of Thee, and in a constant sense of Thy presence.

Apportion to us, O Lord, the work of this day, and enable us to do it heartily, as unto Thee and not unto man. Grant to us throughout this day, that meek and quiet spirit, which is in Thy sight of great price. Suffer not any evil influence, of the world or of the flesh, to interrupt our peace, or to seduce us into any thought or word inconsistent with our Christian calling. When we feel the tempter near us, may we look up to Thee for grace and strength. If in anything we displease Thee, or forget our Heavenly Master, recall us, O Lord, by the

inward voice of Thy Spirit, and give us grace without delay to seek of Thee forgiveness and restoration.

Bless us, O Heavenly Father, in every act and every undertaking this day. Prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us: O prosper Thou our handywork.

We beseech Thee so to order our steps through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Suffer us not to be tempted above that we are able to bear, but make for us, with every temptation, a way also to escape.

If Thou sendest trouble, show us, we pray Thee, with it, some token of good. Be our Father still, our Friend and Comforter, our Guide unto death. May we never doubt Thee nor forsake Thee, but set Thee always before us, and see Thee still at our right hand.

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Thy governance, that Thy Church may serve Thee in all godly quietness, and walking in Thy fear, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, may have rest, and be edified. And, when Thine own time is come, reveal, O Lord, that new Heaven and new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Finally, we bless and praise Thy Holy Name for all the blessings which we have received. For Creation and preservation, and all the mercies of this life; for the knowledge of Thy truth, and for the means of grace; for the message of Thy Gospel, the Redemption by Jesus Christ, and the hope of the future glory; for all that Thou hast done, and all that Thou hast promised, we offer to Thee, O Father, our never-ending thanks and praise, through our only Lord and Saviour, who, with Thee and

the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigne
God, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

Wednesday Evening.

LORD, we call upon Thee: give ear to our supplication. Let our prayer be set forth in Thy sight as the incense; and let the lifting up of our hands be an evening sacrifice.

Enter not into judgment with Thy servants, O Lord: for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified. If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, who may abide it? But there is mercy with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared.

We have sinned against Thee, O Lord, in the day that is past. In many things we have all offended. In thought and speech, in temper and spirit, in desire and

motive, in things done and things left done, we have sinned, we have sin against Thee, O Lord, and come short everything, of Thy glory.

Lord, we have left Thee oftentimes of our sight, and have followed our own will more than Thine. We have not walked in the light as Thou art in the light, nor set our affection on those things that are above. We have not been earnest, as we ought to have been, to press toward the mark, that we may indeed win Christ and be found in Him. Too often we have looked back to the life which we ought to have forsaken, and shown ourselves unfit for Thy heavenly kingdom.

To Thee, O Lord, all secrets are known: Thou hast seen in us that which man sees not; that which we see not in our own selves. We know not, O God, how often

We have offended: O cleanse Thou us from our unperceived and forgotten faults. Hide Thy face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.

O Lord, we bless and praise Thy Holy Name for the promise of forgiveness which Thou hast sent to us in the Gospel. What should we be, O Lord, without a Saviour; even such a Saviour as Thou hast revealed to us in Jesus Christ? Enable us to put our whole trust in Him. Enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may see the treasures of wisdom which are hidden in Him; even the boundless mercy which is in His Cross, and the Almighty strength which is in His Spirit. O Lord, how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?

Fill our hearts, O Heavenly Father, with thankful love; and draw our souls to Thyself, through Him who died for us and

rose again. Grant that we may go to this night at peace with Thee, and in comfort and joy of Thy Holy Spirit.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of a mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for al orders and nations of men, that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thyself known to them in Thy Blessed Son, and to spread abroad in the earth the bright light of the Gospel. Give grace, O Lord, to all who call themselves Christians; that they may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. We commend, O Lord, to Thy fatherly goodness all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity; beseeching Thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them

patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

Finally, we would offer unto Thee, O Lord, our blessings and thanksgivings for all that Thou hast done for us, this day, and in the days that are past. We thank Thee for life and breath and all things. We thank Thee for all the comforts and enjoyments of this life, for the love of our friends, and the help of all who have done us service. We thank Thee for the Revelation of Thyself as our Father in Jesus Christ; for all the means of grace afforded us here, and for the hope of glory hereafter.

These prayers and praises we would humbly offer up at Thy Throne of grace, through Thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Mediator, Saviour, and Redeemer. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Thursday Morning.

ALMIGHTY GOD, whose we are, and in whom we live and move and have our being; accept, we beseech Thee, this our morning sacrifice of confession, prayer, and thanksgiving, and enable us to offer it in spirit and in truth.

We would approach Thee, O God, under a deep sense both of our sinfulness and of Thy holiness. Morning after morning we awaken to find ourselves weak in all that is good, and prone to everything that is evil. We fall again and again under every temptation, whether of sloth, or vanity, or ill-temper, or uncharitableness: our resolutions are unstable. and our progress in grace is

slow and imperceptible. When we would live unto Thee, our thoughts and desires soon return to the world: our repentance is slight and superficial, our faith feeble and inconstant and wavering.

To Thee, Almighty God, every secret is known. Thou seest us as we are: no excuse or pretence veils the truth from Thine eyes. O give us humble hearts, that we may renounce all trust in ourselves, and place it only in Thy mercy and love, revealed to sinners in our Lord Jesus Christ.

For His sake, O God, forgive us all our sins, and take us into the shelter of Thy compassionate love. Cleanse Thou us, and we shall be clean: wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow. Dwell Thou within us by Thy Holy Spirit, and we shall become pure in heart. Give us, hour by hour, that strength which is made perfect in weakness;

and in Thee, the Almighty and the Holy, we shall find grace and power.

Blessed Lord, be present with us, beseech Thee, throughout the day which now beginning. In all our works, begun continued, and ended in Thee, may we do Thy will and seek Thy glory.

Grant that no sudden temptation may surprise us into wrongdoing, and that no root of bitterness may spring up within to defile us. Keep us ever watchful in spirit, and looking to Thee for help. Suffer us not to be fainthearted in effort, or weary in well-doing. Bless us in all that we put our hand unto; may we spend this day in Thy service, and lie down to rest at night under Thy protection.

Lord, vouchsafe to keep us without sin, and to shield us, all our life long, from fear of evil. May we serve our generation

according to Thy will, in honest toil and lively charity; and then fall on sleep, to awake satisfied with Thy likeness.

We commend to Thy gracious protection all who are connected with us by family or friendship. We pray Thee to keep them in all their ways, and to bless them both in body and soul. More especially, we ask Thy help and Thy comfort for all who are in trouble, need, distress, or mourning. Pour upon them the consolation of Thy Holy Spirit, and give them a happy issue, in Thine own good time, out of all their suffering.

Bless, O Lord, Thy universal Church, and grant to it the spirit of faith and wisdom, of grace and peace. Endue Thy ministers with zeal, courage, and diligence; and crown their labours with abundant success. May all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in

sincerity, love one another also, as He g
us commandment.

Accept, O Heavenly Father, our pra
and thanksgivings for all Thy goodness a
lovingkindness to us and to all men; for
the blessings of this life, and for all t
hopes of that which is to come. Give
grace to present ourselves, our souls an
bodies, as a living and holy sacrifice, ac
ceptable unto Thee, not for our merits, bu
for the sake of our only Lord and Saviour
to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be
ascribed, by us and by all men, everlasting
praise. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Thursday Evening.

O EVERLASTING GOD, who hast revealed Thyself as dwelling in the high and holy place with him that is of a contrite and humble spirit; grant us grace to draw nigh to Thee this night with reverence and self-abasement, knowing our exceeding sinfulness, and trusting only in the merits and death of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Make us willing to see ourselves as Thou seest us, sinners in thought and word and deed, unworthy of the least of all Thy mercies, and looking for salvation only through the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant that we may not be afraid to examine our hearts and lives, remembering that Christ Jesus came into the world, not to

call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. We thank Thee, O God, that Thou dealest with us as sinners, and offerest Thy pardon and Thy love to those who know and feel that they deserve nothing at Thy hands but condemnation and wrath.

Help us, O Lord, to end this day at the foot of Thy Son's Cross, finding life and salvation in Him who died for the sins of the world. Lord, we blush and are ashamed to lift up our eyes unto Thee; for we have crucified the Saviour by our sins, and have grieved oftentimes by our indifference the Holy Spirit of grace. Thou hast seen, O God, each act of sin, each omission of duty, each sinful thought, each unholy desire, each instance of sloth and self-indulgence, each compromise with evil, each parleying with temptation; Thou hast seen how often we have gone back in our hearts to sins that

are past, and have shrunk from the life of holiness to which Thou callest us as Thy children. We can but cast ourselves upon Thine infinite mercy, and pray for forgiveness in the name of Jesus Christ, knowing that Thou castest out none who come to Thee in the faith of His Holy Name. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; and for Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake forgive us all that is past.

Give us grace, O Lord, so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. O grant that the time past of our lives may suffice us to have lived unto ourselves. Make us feel that life is far spent, for the youngest and strongest, and that soon the night cometh when no man can work. Grant that none of us may put off our repentance, or delay any resolution of

good; lest the door of grace be suddenly closed, and we be shut out from the blessedness that is to be revealed.

Pour out upon us, O God, the Spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Grant us strength to break off every evil habit, and to awake to the life of righteousness. Give us a lively sense of the glory and happiness of Thy service, and of the abundance of Thy mercy to every one who will seek Thee.

We beseech Thee to look down in compassion upon us who are here assembled, and upon all whom we would especially remember in our prayers. Keep us all, in body and soul, through the coming night. May no accident and no violence disturb our peace; but may we rest and be refreshed for the duties and the trials of the morrow. Give peace to the troubled in mind, to the

nourner, to the watcher, to the anxious and he doubting. Reveal Thyself to the sleep-ess in the night-watches, as the God of peace and consolation. And when the last night comes, and we shall awaken no more n this world, receive Thou us, O merciful Father, into Thine everlasting rest, through he merits and mediation of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Friday Morning.

O LORD, who art gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and of great mercy; we, Thine unworthy servants, draw nigh unto Thee, this morning, through our Lord Jesus Christ, earnestly desiring Thy forgiveness and Thy blessing. By Thee we have been preserved through the night: to Thee would we consecrate the opening day. As Thou hast chased away the darkness of the earth by the rising of the light which rules the day; so vouchsafe, O God, to clear from our souls every mist of error and confusion, of vice and sin, and to illuminate the dark places of our hearts by the bright shining of Thy Holy Spirit. Make Thy truth real and powerful to us, that it may

prevail over our natural ignorance and coldness and blindness of heart. May we feel ourselves to be sinners before Thee, guilty by reason of the past, corrupt and helpless in the present, hopeless for the long, the eternal future, except Thou, Lord, enter in, by Thy Holy and Blessed Spirit, to give peace and strength and grace. Quicken our dull and languid powers, to lay hold upon the hope set before us in Jesus Christ. Give us grace to apprehend the Revelation of a Saviour crucified for our sins, and risen again for our justification. Suffer us not to rest in a vague and doubtful belief, but make us to try and prove for ourselves the Gospel of our Lord and Master, that we may know that He is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

Endue us more and more, Almighty Father, with that faith which overcometh

the world. While we live in the world, may we not be of it. While we labour diligently in our appointed calling, may our affection be set on things above, where Christ sitteth at Thy right hand. Whether we eat or drink, or whatsoever we do, may we do all in Thy service and in the remembrance of Thee.

Give us grace to set a good example to all amongst whom we live. Grant that we may be just and true in all our dealings, strict and conscientious in the discharge of every duty, pure and temperate in every enjoyment, kind and charitable and courteous in speech and manner towards all men. May the mind of Jesus Christ be formed in us, and may all take knowledge of us that we are His disciples.

Bless us, O Lord, in all the employments of this day. Be Thou present with us all

the day long. Having Thee for our Refuge and Strength, may we fear no evil. Give us grace to trust Thee with all that shall befall us, knowing that all must work together for good to those who love Thee. May Thy will be done with us and by us in all things; and do Thou, O Lord, lead us safely through the difficulties and troubles of this life, into that everlasting home, where we shall rest from our labours and sorrows in the love and presence of our Father and Redeemer and Comforter.

Have mercy, we pray Thee, upon all men. Give energy to every effort for the good and happiness of Thy creatures. Stir up, O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful people, that they may labour well and wisely for the benefit of others, in body and mind and soul. Vouchsafe, O Lord, such success to their endeavours, that they may see and feel

that Thy favour and Thy blessing are with them. Enable us all to hope and to wait, in faith and patience, for the coming of Thy kingdom, and the fulfilment of Thy blessed purpose and promise, in Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now, henceforth, and evermore. Amen.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

Friday Evening.

O ETERNAL GOD, Creator of day and night, Author of grace and peace, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; behold us, Thy sinful creatures, here assembled before Thee, to close the day, as we began it, in prayer and praise and intercession.

We come before Thee in the name of Jesus Christ, not trusting in our own righteousness. We have nothing to bring to Thee, but sin and defilement: O God, Thou knowest our foolishness, and our faults are not hidden from Thee. We desire to renounce ourselves in Thy presence, all that we have, and all that we are; and to receive out of Thy fulness that which

we need, even pardon and peace and eternal life.

Blessed Lord, Thou hast marked the course of this day: Thou hast seen the steps by which we have gone astray: Thou hast taken account of each thought and word and act; each omission of duty, and each neglect of opportunity; each forgetfulness of Thee, each denial of our Lord; each transgression, against one another, and against Thee; even things which we noticed not in ourselves, or through lightness and indifference have forgotten. We know not all, O Lord; but we know enough to condemn us; enough to make us afraid and ashamed before Thee; enough to bring us, in deep humility, to the fountain which Thou hast mercifully opened for sin and uncleanness. Wash us, O Lord, from all our sins in the precious blood of our Saviour

Jesus Christ. May we put all our trust in Him, and thank Thee, with deep contrition of heart, that Thou hast provided for Thy fallen and guilty creatures that very refuge and hope which alone could suffice for their need.

O Heavenly Father, suffer not any of us to neglect or cast away so great salvation. Open our eyes, O Lord, to see the deep things of Thy Word; and make it the rejoicing of our hearts, and the light of our steps.

Watch over us, we pray Thee, through the hours of silence and darkness. Grant that we may lie down in peace, and take our rest, knowing that Thou, O Lord, neither slumberest nor sleepest. May we cast all our care, for this life and for eternity, upon Thy Fatherly love and power, who carest for us. To Thee, O God, who

hast led us hitherto, who hast never failed nor forsaken us, even when we have forgotten and forsaken Thee, we would commit, in faith and trust, all that concerns us; beseeching this only, that Thou wilt give us in this world the knowledge of Thyself, and in the world to come life everlasting.

We pray Thee, Almighty God, so to guide the course of Thy Church here upon earth, that it may serve Thee without fear, and make known Thy saving health among all nations. Preserve it, O God, from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from divisions within, and from all assaults of the enemy; from coldness and lukewarmness, from pride and vain confidence, from weakness of faith and inconsistency of life. Make it more and more the pillar of truth, the light of the world; Thy witness unto all men, a sign between Thee and the earth.

We commend to Thy Fatherly care all who are toiling and suffering and sorrowing here below, by reason of adversity, or by reason of sin. Reveal Thyself to them as the God of peace and love, who dost not willingly afflict, and who art Almighty to save. Give them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions, in the everlasting rest and peace which Thou hast promised to all who believe, through our Lord Jesus Christ; who, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

Saturday Morning.

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, who alone makest us to dwell in safety; give us thankful hearts, that we may praise and bless Thee as we ought to do, and may go forth to the work of this day, having Thee for our Righteousness and our Strength.

It is of Thy mercies, O Lord, that we are not consumed; because Thy compassions fail not, but are new every morning. What are we, O Lord, that Thou shouldest have respect unto us, giving us out of Thy fulness grace for grace? O God, we have requited Thee only with ingratitude: we have forfeited again and again, by our sin, the right to be called Thy children. Grant

us a spirit of deep repentance, that in humility and tenderness of soul we may set ourselves this day to the work which Thou hast given us to do.

Give us, O Heavenly Father, this day, our daily bread. In body and mind, in soul and spirit, bestow upon each one of us that which Thou seest to be for our good. Order Thou for us, O Lord, all that concerns us. Give us what Thou wilt, of strength and health, of comfort and enjoyment, of skill and discretion, of energy and success in the things of this life; and Thy blessing, O Lord, with it. Vouchsafe to arrange and appoint for us, O Father, all the circumstances which shall befall us this day. May we fear no evil accident, no adverse event, no rumour or tidings of distress; knowing that we are in Thy hands, and that Thou carest for us. Feed our

souls, Blessed Lord, with the bread of life. May our Lord Jesus Christ dwell in our hearts, by the Holy Spirit, to be our support, our sustenance, our eternal life. Yea, do Thou Thyself, O Heavenly Father, according to His most true promise, come unto us, with Him and in Him, by the Holy Spirit, and make Thine abode in us for ever.

Thus may we live, O Father, this day, and each day, of our appointed time below, until our great change come. O may the life of heaven begin in us here, that it may be perfected hereafter in glory.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts. All our troubles and sorrows, all our fears and doubts, all our difficulties and perplexities, all our temptations and sins, lie open before Thee, O God; and Thou despisest none of them. Thou knowest the

steps by which we have come hitherto; the wanderings and the backslidings which have hindered our progress; the obstacles over which we have stumbled, the snares in which we have been entangled, the errors and the follies which have caused us oftentimes to forsake Thy way. All our desires are known unto Thee, and from Thee no secrets are hid. Deal mercifully with us, O Lord, according to our several necessities; direct us, we pray Thee, in wisdom and compassion; leave us not. Guide us day by day with Thy counsel, and hereafter receive us into Thy glory.

Grant Thy grace, O Heavenly Father, to all those who in this troublous and sinful world are at this time perplexed, oppressed, affrighted, bereaved, or afflicted. O Father, who seest all, and carest for all, and hast all power in Heaven and in earth; put forth,

we pray Thee, Thy grace and Thy strength, in relieving and comforting and delivering Thy creatures. Make all things work together for good. Reveal Thyself to those who know Thee not, and make them willing in the day of Thy power.

Finally, we bless Thy Holy Name for all those whom Thou hast led safely through the trials and sorrows of this world, into the everlasting rest which Thou hast provided for Thy people. And give us grace so to follow Thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Saturday Evening.

ALMIGHTY FATHER, who hast safely brought us to the last night of another week; help us to give our latest thoughts to Thee, and to prepare ourselves in Thy presence for the holy duties and pleasures of the morrow.

We thank Thee, O God, for the blessings of the week which is now ending. We acknowledge as Thy gift each comfort and refreshment, each faculty and power, each privilege and opportunity, which it has brought to us. It is of Thee, O Lord, that we are at this hour among the living; because Thou hast preserved to us the life which Thou hast given, and hast not suffered our many iniquities to be our ruin.

O grant that Thy goodness may lead us to repentance, and incline our hearts to devote to Thy service the residue of our time on earth.

And to this end, dispose us, O Lord, to call our sins to remembrance, and to humble our souls deeply before Thee. We need not, O God, to say anything; for Thou art greater than our hearts, and knowest all things. Yet Thou hast said that Thou wilt be enquired of by us, alike concerning our necessities and Thy promises. And we, O Lord, would spread before Thee all our wants and all our sorrows; we would hide nothing from Thee of all that we have done amiss. For Thou, Lord, art gracious, and full of compassion: Thou knowest whereof we are made, and in Thy mercy rememberest that we are but dust. We were all shapen in wickedness: as soon as we were

born, we began to go astray: there is no good thing in us. As sinners, O God, Thou hast dealt with us in Jesus Christ: Thou knowest what we are, and as such Thou hast spoken to us.

Forgive, O Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, all that is past; every wicked imagination, every wrong desire, every idle word, every careless and disobedient action. Forgive the negligences and omissions of duty, forgive the wasted opportunities, forgive the evil tempers, and uncharitable feelings, and injurious influences, of the week that is now ended. Wash us from all our sins in the blood of Jesus Christ, and cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit.

Protect us, O Heavenly Father, through the night which is beginning; and quicken our souls in the morning to love and profit

by the blessed rest of Thy holy day. Grant that it may be to us, not a day of gloom or bondage, but of holy and happy freedom. May we remember Thee in Thy works, and bless Thee for having endued us with faculties for knowing and loving Thee. May we remember Thee in Thy Holy Word, and bless Thee for having caused it to be written for our learning, and read and preached in Thy Church for our comfort and admonition. May we remember Thee in Thy Son Jesus Christ, and bless Thee for having sent to us the Gospel of Thy salvation, that we may be encouraged to awaken from the death of sin to the life of righteousness. May we remember Thee in Thy Blessed and Holy Spirit, whom Thou hast promised to them that ask Him, and in whom alone Thou givest life to Thine ordinances, and edification to Thy people.

And we pray Thee, O Father, so to spread abroad in the earth the knowledge of Thy truth and of Thy salvation, that at last, according to Thy promise, a great multitude, which no man can number, may stand before Thy Throne, clothed in the white robes of them that have overcome, to give glory for ever and ever to Thee, our Father and Saviour and Comforter, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Fourth Week.

Sunday Morning.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast purchased to Thyself an universal Church by the precious blood of Thy dear Son, and hast commanded the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature; we bless Thy Holy Name for our Redemption by Christ Jesus, for our admission into His Church by His own ordinance of Baptism, and for all the privileges and opportunities which we enjoy as members of the mystical body of our Lord and Saviour.

Lord, Thou hast mercifully restored us from sleep, and raised us up to see the light of Thy holy day. Quicken our souls by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may rejoice and be glad in it. Give us grace to cast away all sloth and lethargy of spirit, all worldliness, indifference, and coldness of heart, and improve to the uttermost these hours of holy resting, that we may go forth with renewed faith and zeal to the toils and trials of the days which are to come.

Lord, we would adore Thy wisdom and goodness in having gathered all who believe into one communion and fellowship. We thank Thee that Thou hast not left us in solitude and loneliness of spirit, in those things which concern our everlasting peace. We thank Thee that Thou hast bidden us to commune one with another, and to worship one with another, in the faith and love

of Thy Son Jesus. We thank Thee that Thou hast encouraged and comforted us by ordinances of common devotion, by the preaching of Thy Word in the Congregation, and by the blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion in the body and blood of Christ.

Lord, Thou hast been gracious to us in these things; not willing that we should faint or be weary in our pilgrimage towards Heaven, but rather that we should be filled with joy and peace and hope in believing.

We acknowledge with shame and sorrow before Thee, how little, in the time that is past, we have used and profited by the means of grace. Often have we joined in Thy service with listless and wandering minds, mingling worldly and sinful thoughts with our utterances of prayer and praise. Forgive us, O Lord, for this great sin of despising Thy goodness, and defiling Thy

Holy Church. Grant, we pray Thee, that we may have a deeper sense of Thy love, and of the responsibility which lies upon us to use it, for Thy glory, and for the benefit of our own souls.

Give us grace this day to remember and to rejoice in our Christian fellowship with all that in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Suffer not any differences to divide and sever those whom Thou hast knit together in Him. May we exercise all charity, forbearance, and love, towards those who follow not altogether with us in doctrine or worship. May we feel that, as Christ our Lord died for all, so should all love one another, and hope one for another, amidst all varieties of word and form in His service.

Pour out Thy Holy Spirit this day upon all Churches and Congregations of Thy

redeemed. Endue Thy ministers with righteousness, and make Thy chosen people joyful.

And, O Lord, have mercy, we pray Thee, upon all those who walk in darkness and have no light; upon those who, knowing Thee, will not worship; upon those who profane Thy Holy Name by irreverence, or defile their Christian profession by an unholy and sinful life. O Thou, who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sin, and be saved; give such success, we pray Thee, this day, to the preaching of Thy Word, to the course of Thy Providence, to the inward remonstrances of conscience, and to the secret reproofs and admonitions of Thy Spirit, that many souls, now sleeping, may be awakened; many, now dead, may be quickened to newness of life, and added,

by Thy grace, to that great multitude which shall stand hereafter before Thy Throne in Heaven, ascribing salvation to Thee through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

Sunday Evening.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, by whose long-suffering love we have been brought to the evening of another Sunday; help us now to draw near unto Thee in a serious and humble spirit, to confess our sins, and to commit ourselves again to Thy protection.

Lord, we have loved the habitation of Thy House, and the place where Thine honour dwelleth. We have heard once more, this day, the joyful sound of Thy Gospel, offering pardon and peace to every repentant sinner, through faith in the merits and mediation of our crucified and risen Saviour. We have claimed our part in that holy fellowship, which is the blessed

company of Thy faithful people; we have offered once again our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, as those whom Thou hast purchased to Thyself by the precious blood shed to take away the sins of the world.

Blessed Lord, we pray Thee to forgive all the lightness and worldliness of our minds, while we have been honouring Thee and serving Thee with our lips. Make us deeply feel the guilt which we have incurred, by professing to draw nigh unto Thee, while our hearts were far from Thee. O wash us from this and every other transgression, in the fountain which Thou hast opened for sin and for uncleanness.

Lord, Thou hast knit together Thine elect, as well the dead as the living, in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Thy Son Christ our Lord. Thou hast taught us, that we, who would draw

nigh to Thee in the true faith of Christ, are come already to Thy heavenly city, to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant. Give us grace, O Lord, to live in the remembrance of this communion, serving Thee with reverence and godly fear, and walking day by day in a spirit of watchfulness and sobriety.

We thank Thee, O Lord, for all those who fought, in their generation, the good fight of faith, and are now safe and at rest in the Paradise of the blessed. Enable us to hold spiritual communion with them in Thy presence, where the dead and the living live alike and equally unto Thee. May we know and feel that, though we are severed in the body, we are not divided in the spirit, from those who are departed this life in Thy faith and fear. Give us grace so to follow

Thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee, in the everlasting kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We pray Thee, O Lord, to keep alive in our souls the recollection of that which we have been taught concerning Thee on this day. Grant that our hearts may be like that good soil, in which the seed of Thy Word takes deep root, and brings forth an abundant harvest. May the occupations of Thy holy day have a real and blessed influence upon the week which follows. May the Spirit of rest and peace be with us in our labour; and may we endure all our trials and all our temptations, as seeing Him who is invisible.

We pray Thee to take into Thy holy keeping all those who especially need our

intercessions. We ask Thy mercy and grace for such as are afflicted, in mind, body, or estate; for the sick and distressed, for the desolate and bereaved, for the orphan and the widow; for such as mourn for sin, and will not be comforted; for such as are tied and bound by sin, and will not come to Thee for deliverance. Have mercy, O compassionate Lord, upon all whom Thou hast created. Heal the breaches made upon earth by sin, and hasten those times of restoration and refreshing, when the creation itself shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of Thy children.

We ask all in the name of Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Monday Morning.

O LORD, our God, help us to worship Thee. We are Thine; Thine by Creation, Thine by Redemption: Thou hast called us by Thy Gospel, Thou hast incorporated us into Thy Holy Church. Thou hast promised to hear our prayers, and to give Thy Holy Spirit to them that ask Him.

Lord, Thou hast kept us alive till this hour, still calling us to repentance and faith and salvation. Thou wouldest not the death of a sinner: though we have provoked Thee by many transgressions, Thou still waitest to be gracious.

We come before Thee, O Lord, in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ, whom

Thou didst give to take away the sins of the world. For His sake, O God, forgive us all that is past, and cleanse our hearts from the love of sin by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit.

O God, without Thee we cannot live; our souls are athirst and disconsolate, till we find comfort and rest in Thee. Give us, we pray Thee, that peace which the world cannot give; that we may perfectly love Thee, and pass our time on earth in holy and godly quietness.

Thou hast brought us in safety to the beginning of this day, and hast refreshed us for new labour by the blessed rest of Thy Sunday. O may a sweet remembrance of the truths heard yesterday abide with us through the week. May the communion of Thy saints, enjoyed yesterday in Thy House, still be with us in soul and spirit, raising

our thoughts above this world, and consecrating to Thy service all our toils and pleasures.

Grant, O Lord, that we may maintain throughout this week an earnest conflict with evil. Suffer not us, who hear Thy Word, to neglect to do it. Write upon our hearts Thy holy commandments, and make Thy will our will in all things.

Give us strength, O Lord, to overcome the sins which Thou hast mercifully brought to our remembrance in the services of Thy holy day. Quicken our consciences by the Spirit of Thy holy fear, that we may not defer any endeavour which we know to be our duty. Encourage us, O merciful Father, by such help, from time to time, in resisting our sloth and self-indulgence, as may be the token and earnest of final victory.

Almighty God, we humbly commend our-

selves, and all who are dear to us, to Thy favour and blessing this day. We commit to Thy Fatherly protection all that we have and all that we are; every gift and faculty, every wish and affection, every thought and word, every employment and recreation. Bless, we pray Thee, each and all, to our good and to Thy glory. Consecrate us wholly to Thyself, and keep us blameless, in body and soul and spirit, unto the day of Christ's coming.

Advance us, O Lord, by the events of this day, by every comfort and every trial, by every joy and every sorrow, by every success and every disappointment, by every blessing and every suffering, towards the great end of our faith and hope, our prayer and aspiration, even a happy entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to bring us all into that blessed rest and home, for the sake of Thy dear Son, our only Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Monday Evening.

O EVERLASTING GOD, with whom is no variableness neither shadow of turning; we flee unto Thee for refuge, this night, from all our sins, and fears, and sorrows, pleading before Thee the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom Thou art well pleased.

Blessed Lord, we have gone out and come in, this day, in safety, because Thou hast had compassion upon us, and hast holden us by Thy right hand. We desire to offer humbly before Thee our evening sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. In Thee we live and move, and have our being: without Thee, O Lord, we are but dust and ashes, helpless and worthless creatures, in

whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy.

This day we have gone astray many times from Thy will and our duty. We have thought, and said, and done, not that which is good, but that which is evil. That which we prayed against in the morning, we have done before the evening: that which we prayed for in the morning, we have many times put from us, when Thou, by Thy Holy Spirit, didst offer to make it good. O Lord, we have wandered from Thee, we have provoked Thee, we have sinned against Thee: we are ashamed to lift up our eyes unto Thee: God be merciful to us sinners, for Jesus Christ's sake.

O Lord, suffer not the long night to overtake us in our sins. We know, O God, that we are not worthy to enter the Heaven where Thou dwellest, and where only the

pure in heart can see Thee. Put forth Thy Almighty power upon us, that we may be changed into the likeness of our Lord Jesus Christ, and made meet, ere we die, for the inheritance of the saints in light.

Give us grace to love Thee, O God, for the provision which Thou hast made for us sinners in the Gospel of Thy Son. In His precious death may we find forgiveness, and in His glorious Resurrection may we find life for our souls. Suffer us not to incur the dreadful guilt of neglecting so great salvation.

Grant to us, Almighty God, a deep concern for the spiritual welfare of others. Make us watchful to benefit, and not to injure, the souls of those amongst whom we live. Give us grace, by word and influence and right example, to promote their spiritual and everlasting good.

O Lord, may the Word of Thy grace have free course and be glorified. Quicken the zeal of Thy people to make it known among the nations. Pour upon Thy Church the Spirit of love and power, that it may send forth many labourers into Thy field which is the world. And to this end, spread abroad amongst us, O God, in this land, the spirit of godly unity and concord, that, as there is one faith, and one hope, and one Lord and Saviour of all, so there may be one mind and one heart amongst all who believe, one desire to please Thee in all things, and to show forth the praises of Him who hath called them out of darkness into His marvellous light.

We pray Thee, O merciful God, to take into Thy holy keeping, this night, all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Com-

fort and relieve them, O Lord, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.

Finally, we bless and praise Thee for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We thank Thee for Creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life. We bless Thee for the Redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we pray Thee, O Lord, so to perfect the work which Thou hast begun concerning us, that we may come at last to Thine everlasting rest, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thine only Son our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Tuesday Morning.

O GOD, our Refuge and Strength, under whose protection we have slept once again, and risen in safety; grant us grace to approach Thee with serious and devout minds, and send us, Blessed Lord, an answer of peace. May we remember what we are, and what Thou art; deeply feeling our own unworthiness, and Thine unspeakable holiness, power, and love.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, but spare Thy sinful creatures, whom Thou hast redeemed with the precious blood of Christ. Trusting only in Him, and in His perfect and sufficient sacrifice, we draw nigh unto Thee without fear, knowing that He who spared not His own Son, but delivered Him

up for us all, will also with Him freely give us all things.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts. The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night shineth as the day. Thou hast set our misdeeds before Thee, and our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance. All our infirmities, all our dangers, all our temptations, Thou, Lord, knowest better than we, and unto Thee do we look for help against all. From the crafts and assaults of the devil, from blindness of heart and contempt of Thy Word, from the love of the world and the deceitfulness of sin, from Thy wrath and from everlasting condemnation, do Thou, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake, save and deliver us.

We pray Thee to give us a heart to love and fear Thee, and to live watchfully before Thee all our days. Give us grace to hear

Thy Word meekly, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit. Bring back into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived. Strengthen by Thy continual grace those who are now standing stedfast. Comfort and help the faint-hearted. Raise up them that fall; and at last beat down Satan under our feet.

Succour, we pray Thee, all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Defend and provide for the widow and the fatherless. Have mercy upon all men. Hear the prayer of the sorrowful and repentant. Make the Gospel of Christ effectual for the work whereunto Thou hast sent it. May Thy kingdom come; and Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

We humbly implore Thy blessing upon

the work of this day. May we do it heartily, as unto Thee. May we dwell together in love, seeking each other's good, and rejoicing in each other's happiness.

Give us acceptance with those with whom we may this day have to do, and grant us the will and the power to influence them wisely for their good.

Grant to us all, O Heavenly Father, the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name. May the Spirit of adoption dwell in our hearts, making us Thy children in will and deed, and forming in us the mind which was in Christ Jesus. Give us grace so to live throughout the day on which we are now entering. May we lie down at night, with hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, as those who walk in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the

Holy Spirit. And may we finally find mercy, and a blessed resurrection to eternal life, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

Tuesday Evening.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Creator of Heaven and Earth, who from the beginning didst appoint the day and the night to succeed each other, and hast now by Thy Providence brought us once again through the hours of toil to the time of resting; be with us, we pray Thee, during the season of darkness, and cause the light of Thy countenance to shine upon our souls.

O God, we are ashamed to reckon with Thee concerning the day that is past; for we have no good account to give of our stewardship. We have not been watchful to improve the talents entrusted to us, nor to make a right use of the opportunities

which we have enjoyed. We have been often slothful in spirit, and little anxious to honour Thee and serve Thee as we ought to have done. We have been often selfish and cold in our endeavours for the good of others; thinking more of the good opinion of men, than of the praise which cometh from Thee only. Our hearts have been too much given to the riches or honours or pleasures of this world, when we ought to have set our affection on things above, and lived for the joys which are in Thy presence for ever.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, when they have inclined us not towards good but towards evil. We have suffered our idle imaginations to run after things which Thou hast withheld or forbidden, and have murmured against Thee because they were not

satisfied. O God, Thy will has not been our will in all things: we have often mistrusted Thy love, we have counted Thee a hard taskmaster, when we ought to have submitted ourselves reverently to Thy hand, knowing that Thou doest all things well, and hast pleasure in the prosperity of Thy servants.

O God, we cannot tell how often we have offended: Thou alone searchest the heart, and seest us as we are. Show us, we pray Thee, that which is amiss in us, that by Thy grace we may truly repent, and strive earnestly to amend our lives. Forgive us all that is past, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for the sins of the world. Endue us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may live no longer to ourselves, but to Him who died for us and rose again.

Let Thy Fatherly hand be over us through this night, and through the days which may yet be to come. Raise us from the death of sin to the life of righteousness. Give us grace to be ever waiting and watching for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant that that day may not overtake us as a thief. Suffer us not, being children of light, to prefer the darkness; but enable us to eschew all those things which are contrary to our profession, and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee, the only God.

Bless, O Lord, our Church and country. Give wisdom to those who rule; and to all who are under authority a spirit of docility and obedience. May we be a nation fearing Thee and working righteousness. Give success to every endeavour to instruct the ignorant, to relieve the distressed,

and to rescue the fallen. Prosper the work of Thy ministers, and grant that Thy Word spoken by their lips may have such success, that it may never be spoken in vain.

Finally, we pray one for another, and for all those who are dear to any of us. Unite us as one household in the bonds of Christian love. May our hearts be set to please Thee in all things, and to advance that heavenly kingdom, which is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. O Thou, of whom every family in Heaven and earth is named, be the Father, we pray Thee, of this household, and let Thy peace and Thy blessing rest upon it day and night, till we all come, in Thy mercy and goodness, to that heavenly home whence we shall go out no more for ever.

Grant this, we humbly beseech Thee, for

the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Wednesday Morning.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, who hast taught us in Thy Holy Gospel that there is joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth; grant us, we beseech Thee, that Spirit of true and deep repentance which comes only from Thee, and which is the foretaste and earnest of Thy salvation.

O God, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. When Thou hast come after us into the wilderness, by the call of Thy Word and by the striving of Thy Holy Spirit, we have often fled further away from Thee, not willing to forsake the evil thing which Thou hatest. And when Thou hast chastened us for our

iniquity, taking from us that which our soul lusted after, that we might seek those joys which are satisfying and eternal; we have often murmured against Thy dealings with us, instead of profiting by them, and have still hardened our hearts against the compassionate voice of Thy love.

O God, Thou hast been very gracious and bountiful to us. All that we have is from Thee: what have we, that we have not received? But we have carried Thy gifts into the far country, that we might enjoy them, in selfish living, without Thee. We have sought our satisfaction in the things that are made, and not in Thee, O Lord, their Maker and Giver. O God, it is of Thy goodness, that Thou sufferest us not to find rest and joy anywhere but in Thee. When Thou givest us our earthly desire, Thou sendest leanness withal into the soul.

In the midst of Thy bounties, there arises a mighty famine in the heart and in the life that is apart from Thee. O grant that the experience of these things may cause us to come to ourselves ere it be too late. May we arise and return to Thee in deep repentance, saying, Father, I have sinned, in the sight of heaven, and against Thee.

And, O Father, who wouldest not the death of any sinner, receive us back, we beseech Thee, into the home of Thy love, and make us glad for ever with the joy of Thy countenance.

Bestow upon each of us, O Heavenly Father, that tender and contrite spirit which is in Thy sight of great price. May we walk ever humbly before Thee, as those who have greatly sinned, and who have been much forgiven. O keep far from us the spirit of pride and self-confidence, the

spirit of arrogance and presumption. May we know that in Thee alone have we either peace or strength; that with Thee is the fountain of life, and in Thy light alone can we ever see light.

Give us grace so to live throughout the day that is now opening. Make us gentle one to another; courteous, compassionate, and considerate towards all men. In all our work, and in all our dealings, this day, may we remember what we are, and what Thou art, and may men take knowledge of us that we have been with Jesus.

Into Thy holy keeping we commit ourselves and all who are dear to us. May we spend this day in Thy fear and to Thy glory; and may we meet together at evening, in love, and with a good conscience, as those who have all one faith and one hope, one Lord and Saviour, one God and Father

in Heaven; to whom, with the Son and the Spirit, be ascribed all honour and glory, all majesty and dominion, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

Wednesday Evening.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ hast taught us always to pray, and not to faint; give us grace to come before Thee now with earnest and sincere hearts, to ask of Thee forgiveness and blessing and Thy Holy Spirit.

O Lord, our souls are discouraged when we think how often, in the days that are past, we have seemed to seek Thy face in vain. Our thoughts have so wandered in the midst of our prayers, that we have asked nothing, and received nothing, of the Lord. And when we have asked earnestly, and our souls have been refreshed by communion with Thee; yet, O Lord, we have found ourselves still weak and helpless in

the hour of trial, and have soon fallen again under the power of our manifold temptations.

Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may deeply humble ourselves in Thy sight for these our past failures and discomfitures, and cry more earnestly, day and night, unto Thee; knowing that it is not in Thee, but in ourselves, that we are straitened. Bring us back, again and again, to Thy Throne of grace, and give us the Spirit of faith and of supplication, that we may receive in the end, out of Thy fulness, every needful grace.

Humble us, O God, in our own eyes, that we may feel, as we ought, our need of Thee. Take away out of our hearts all self-confidence and boasting, all high and vain thoughts, all desire to excuse ourselves for our sins, or to compare ourselves proudly

with others. Give us a deep sense of our neglect and abuse of Thy spiritual gifts in time past; of our sinful reluctance to seek Thee, and to walk seriously and watchfully before Thee. When we come into Thy presence, may we do so in penitence and self-abasement, crying from the depth of our hearts, God be merciful to me a sinner.

Blessed Lord, have mercy upon us, for Jesus Christ's sake, and forgive us all that is past. Another day is now going to its account: give us grace to examine ourselves concerning it; and do Thou, O Lord, absolve us from all our offences, and give us Thy Holy Spirit that we may amend our lives. Make us feel that, in our present condition, we are unfit for Thy heavenly presence; and quicken in our hearts the desire of that true holiness, without which no one can see the Lord.

Watch over us, Almighty Father, through the hours of this night. As we prepare now for sleep, so must we soon be making ourselves ready for death: O grant that we may so live, during the remainder of our appointed time on earth, that we may be always ready to receive our Lord, whether He come at evening, or at midnight, or in the morning.

Bless, we pray Thee, with us, all our dear friends and relations. Bless the place in which we live, and the Church to which we belong. Bless our country. Endue our rulers with wisdom, and the people with loyalty and true religion. Heal the divisions of Thy servants, and make us all one in Christ Jesus.

We thank Thee for all the comforts and blessings of this life, and for the special benefits which we have received from Thee

this day. We thank Thee for all the faculties, of thought and speech, of sympathy and communion, with which Thou hast endued us; for all the courtesy, kindness, and love, which Thou hast drawn towards us from others. Above all, we praise and bless Thy Holy Name for our Redemption by Jesus Christ, for the promise of Thy Holy Spirit, for all the means of grace, and for the hope of final glory.

These prayers and thanksgivings we humbly offer at Thy Throne of grace, in the name and through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our Blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Thursday Morning.

O GOD, the Father of all the families of the earth, and God of the spirits of all flesh; with whom is the fountain of life, and in whose light alone we can see light; dispose us now to come before Thee in spirit and in truth, that we may receive remission of sins, and find grace to help us in our time of need.

We come to Thee, O God, as sinners, who can bring with them only guilt and weakness, and whose only hope is in Thy mercy through Jesus Christ. Lord, our hearts accuse us; our consciences are heavy laden; our lives are stained with sin; our souls are grieved and wearied with the burden of our transgressions. When we

would do good, we fall into evil: when we would please Thee, and walk in newness of life, we soon grow faint in our warfare with sin, and go back to that which we have renounced and forsaken. O Lord, there is no health in us: we can but cast ourselves on Thy compassions, which fail not, but are new every morning. Be merciful to us sinners, and for Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake forgive us all that is past.

Renew us, O Lord, this day, by Thy Holy Spirit; that we may have grace to worship Thee and to serve Thee as we ought to do, and that the rest of our life may be pure and holy.

Strengthen us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter, and daily increase in us Thy manifold gifts of grace. May He dwell within us as the Spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound

mind. Enlighten the eyes of our understanding, that we may perceive Thy will in all things; and incline our hearts evermore faithfully to perform it. Defend us in all the assaults of evil, within us, and from without. Grant that we may never yield to the wrong example or influence of others, but may maintain always a conscience void of offence. Grant that this day we fall into no sin, nor run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by Thy governance, to do always that which is righteous in Thy sight.

Bless, we pray Thee, our rulers, both in Church and State. Send down upon the ministers of Thy Word, and upon all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of Thy grace. Pour down Thy blessing upon all those who are preparing to serve Thee in the sacred ministry

of Thy Church. Replenish them with the truth of Thy doctrine, and endue them with innocence of life.

Make known, we pray Thee, the Gospel of Thy grace to all who are still in darkness. Have mercy on all who are in trouble of mind; especially on those who feel the burden of their sins, and cannot get free. O Thou, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, pour upon them, we beseech Thee, the riches of Thy grace, and bring them to the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world.

We commend to Thy Fatherly goodness all who are suffering affliction. The sick, the destitute, the oppressed, the outcast, the fatherless and widow, have mercy upon them, O good Lord, and comfort them according to their several necessities.

Finally, we bless Thy Holy Name for all

Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. For all Thy blessings we would render to Thee our humble thanksgivings; for life and health, for food and raiment, for kindness and affection, for talents and opportunities of every kind; but, above all, for the Redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. Give us, we beseech Thee, thankful hearts, to feel, as we ought, Thy wonderful loving-kindness and long-suffering towards us; and grace to show forth Thy praise in our lives; so that at the last we may come to Thine eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Thursday Evening.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who dost govern all things in Heaven and earth; mercifully hear our prayers, through Jesus Christ, and teach us how to pray.

Lord, Thou art holy, and we are unholy. Thou art wise, and we are foolish. Thou art mighty, and we are weak. Thou art eternal, and we are but for a day. Thou art infinite in mercy and loving-kindness; and we are unthankful, cold in heart, and rebellious in life. This very day we have sinned against Thee, and trifled with Thy grace and long-suffering towards us.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and for Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake forgive us our

sins. Thy thoughts are not our thoughts, neither are Thy ways our ways, O Lord. Though we have provoked Thee by our sins and backslidings, still Thou hast not closed against us the door of Thy mercy; Thou still callest us to Thy Throne of grace, and promisest us, even now, pardon and life, if we will turn to Thee with all our hearts.

Grant to us, O Heavenly Father, repentance and Thy Holy Spirit; for of ourselves we can neither seek nor serve Thee. Give us grace so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Make us to consider betimes the approach of that long night when no man can work. Grant that we may so repent and turn to Thee, so set ourselves to do Thy will and to finish Thy work, in the days which may still remain to us of our earthly life, that

we may be ready when Christ comes, and bidden, as His faithful servants, to enter into the joy of our Lord.

Fill our hearts with heavenly thoughts, as we prepare ourselves to-night for the hours of sleep and darkness. May we know in whom we have believed, and commit our souls to Him in faith and truth, assured that He is able to keep them against the great day.

Watch over us, Almighty God, through the coming night, and preserve us by Thy power to the dawning of the day. Keep far from us all perils, spiritual and bodily. Lord, we are in Thy hands; we are Thine: help, keep, and save us, we pray Thee, now, henceforth, and for ever. When the last night comes, receive us, in peace and safety, into the haven where we would be.

Bless with us all who are dear to us; all

with whom we are in any way connected; all whom we are especially bound to remember before Thee. We pray for our rulers, our pastors, our benefactors in things of this life or of eternity. We pray for all who worship with us in Thy House, and kneel with us at Thy holy Table. We pray for all who are in distress, sorrow, or sadness; in anxiety or fear, whether for the body or the soul; in bereavement and loneliness, in neglect and destitution, in remorse, punishment, or shame. Have compassion, O God of all consolation, upon the miseries of Thy suffering creatures. Fulfil, in Thine own good pleasure, the earnest longing of the creation for the manifestation of Thy children, and for those times of refreshing which Thou hast promised to the earth.

And grant, O most merciful God, that we ourselves be not shut out, in that day, from

Thy blessed presence, but may all be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting.

Hear us, O Father, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Friday Morning.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our Creator and Preserver, help us again to dedicate to Thee the life which Thou givest. May our hearts awake this morning, to seek and to worship Thee. Grant that no wandering thoughts may disturb our prayers, but that we may draw nigh to Thee through Jesus Christ, and worship Thee in spirit and in truth.

Lord, we know how weak and vain are our best resolutions, unless Thou suggest, sustain, and bless them. Day after day, we have fallen again into sin: we have failed in our struggles against evil, we have failed in our endeavours after holiness. Forgive us, O merciful God, all the things

that are past, and by Thy Holy Spirit give us strength for the work which is still before us.

O God, Thou hast not left us in our lost state, but hast come to us, in Thy Son Jesus Christ, redeeming us from misery and guilt, and taking us for Thine own children by adoption and grace. We bless Thee for Thy long-suffering towards us, who have deserved only wrath and condemnation; and we pray Thee to have mercy upon us, and to quicken our souls with that spiritual life, which is union with Thee through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Direct us, O Heavenly Father, in the work of this day. May we undertake nothing on which we cannot ask Thy blessing; and in all that we do may we look up to Thee for grace and strength. Make us useful in our generation, diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving Thee.

Keep us ever mindful of our great change. We know not what a day may bring forth: order all things for us, O Lord; and, whether we wake or sleep, may we be Thine.

Preserve us in perfect peace, having our minds stayed on Thee. May we fear no evil tidings, knowing that all things work together for good to them that love Thee.

Bless, O Lord, this house, and every inmate of it. May we dwell together in peace. Keep far from us all strife, anger, and clamour; all censoriousness and uncharitableness, of speech and thought; all jealousy, and envy, and sin. Be Thou with us all by Thy good Providence; dwell Thou in each one of us by Thy Holy Spirit.

Have mercy, O Heavenly Father, upon all mankind. Thou, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made: extend the knowledge of Thyself,

in Jesus Christ, to all nations of the earth: bring into the way of peace all such as have erred from it, through the power of temptation, or through their own carnal will and frailty: enlighten the ignorant, strengthen the weak, raise the fallen, give life to the dead: and hasten the time when the good purpose of Thy grace in Christ shall be accomplished, and Thou shalt take to Thee Thy great power, and reign everywhere, in love and peace, over a willing and rejoicing creation.

Accept our prayers, Almighty God, and do for us exceeding abundantly above that which we either ask or think, for the sake of Him in whom Thou art well pleased, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

Friday Evening.

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, day and night are Thine: the darkness is no darkness with Thee: Thou art ever present with those who love and trust Thee. Be Thou with us this night: give us refreshing sleep, now that the toils of the day are ended; and do Thou, Lord, in Thine infinite mercy, make us, by night and by day, to dwell in safety.

We have to confess before Thee, O God, the sins of the past day. In many things we have done amiss. We have not loved and served Thee, this day, as we ought to have done. We have not been watchful over our thoughts and words, as we need to be perpetually: we have not set our-

selves to improve every opportunity of doing and receiving good: we have not seen Christ in each one with whom we have had to do: we have pleased ourselves, many times this day, when we ought to have thought only of pleasing Thee, and of finishing the work which Thou hast given us to do.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts. Things which man sees not, which we see not in ourselves, lie ever clear and open in the light of Thy countenance. Lord, we are condemned, if Thou enterest into judgment with us concerning the things of one day: how much more when Thou bringest to Thy tribunal the deeds and the words and the thoughts of the whole life that is past!

Yet, O Father, we thank Thee that Thou hast not left us without hope: for Thou

didst, as on this day of the week, give Thine own most Blessed Son to bear our sins on the Cross, and dost assure us that He made there a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Grant to us, we pray Thee, such penitent and believing hearts, that we may flee for refuge to the hope set before us in Him, and may receive the forgiveness of our sins, and the gracious presence of Thy Holy Spirit to bear witness with our spirit that we are in deed and in truth Thy children.

We beseech Thee to give us grace to lay hold upon Thy truth and Thy salvation. May we never neglect nor trifle with it, but make full proof of the comfort and strength which Thou hast offered to us in the Gospel.

Blessed Lord, we commend to Thy

Fatherly love all who are connected with us by ties of family or friendship. We pray Thee to make us all one, in that surer and stronger love which is in Christ Jesus.

Have mercy upon all who are in any distress of mind, body, or estate. Especially we ask Thy compassion for those who desire our prayers: give to each one that relief, that succour, that consolation, which Thou seest to be needful, and which Thou, Lord, alone canst bestow.

Bless our country, our neighbourhood, our Church, all who are set over us, all who worship with us in Thy House of Prayer. Bring near to Thyself those who are afar off, through the blood of Christ, and grant them access, by one Spirit, unto Thee, the God and Father of all.

Hear us, O God, in all our prayers,

through Thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Saturday Morning.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our Heavenly Father, Thou hast brought us in safety to the last morning of another week: be with us, we beseech Thee, through the day which is now opening, and keep us stedfast in Thy faith and service, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

O Lord, each day, as it passes, brings upon us new temptations; and carries with it, at its close, a new account against us of failures and sins. We bless Thee for having promised forgiveness to all who seek it of Thee, through that Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world. We bless Thee for having promised the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus,

to set free all who pray for Him from the bondage of sin and death.

Deliver us, O Heavenly Father, we most humbly beseech Thee, from the chain of our past sins. Sprinkle our hearts from an evil conscience, and cleanse us by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit. O help us to rise above this world, and to dwell with Thee, in soul and spirit, amongst the things that are unseen and eternal. Give us grace to feel the importance of time, and the responsibility of this life. May we never trifle with Thy grace, nor postpone the work of repentance and holiness. Thou art near, O Lord: give us grace, that we may feel after Thee, and find Thee.

Send Thy blessing, O Lord, upon each work and each pleasure of this day. In sorrow and joy, in toil and relaxation, in solitude and society, may we be still with

Thee. Watch Thou over us, and keep us, in all things, that we may please Thee both in will and deed, and live the life that we now live in the flesh, by faith in Thy Blessed Son, who loved us, and gave Himself for us.

We pray for all the souls that Thou hast made. Send forth Thy light and Thy truth into all parts of the world. Make Thy Church more faithful, more diligent, more holy. Grant to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to Thy will. Make them powerful to win, by word and good example, those who are now strangers to Thee. May the might of Thy Gospel be manifested, in the recovery of many souls, and in the renewal of many lives.

Bless, O Lord, every endeavour made upon earth for the benefit of Thy suffering and fallen creatures. May the power of Christ be seen more and more in the promotion of peace and happiness upon earth. And at last bring in, O Father, that blessed time, when the kingdoms of this world shall become, not in word only, but in deed, the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ.

We commend to Thy Fatherly goodness, this day, ourselves, and all for whom we should especially pray. O Thou, whose never-failing Providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth, we pray Thee to put away, from us and them, all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us, in mind, body, and estate. Advance us this day towards Thy blessed home, and at last give us a happy

entrance into the rest and felicity of Thy people, through Jesus Christ our ever-blessed Redeemer. Amen.

Our Father, &c.
The grace of our Lord, &c.

Saturday Evening.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; receive us, through Thy Son Jesus Christ, at the end of another week, and enable us to draw nigh, with humble and contrite hearts, to the Throne of Thy heavenly grace.

O God, our souls are troubled within us, as we strive to remember our sins, that we may confess them before Thee. Lord, Thou knowest all; we need not to say anything. Lord, we would not, if we could, keep back any secrets from Thee. Though Thou knowest many things against us, which would make others turn away from us in contempt or anger, yet Thou lovest us, not-

withstanding all, even better than Thou knowest. There is mercy with Thee, O Lord; therefore shalt Thou be feared. O make the thought of Thine exceeding mercy powerful to win us from all our sins, and to fix all our love and desire upon Thee.

Thou hast given us Thine only and well-beloved Son, and Thou hast laid upon Him the iniquities of us all. Thou didst not spare Him from shame and anguish, from torture and death, even the death of the Cross, because Thou so lovedst us that Thou wouldest not let us alone in our ruin. O Blessed Lord, grant that Thy love to us may awaken our love towards Thee, and make us give ourselves to Thee, to be Thine wholly, Thine only, to the very end of our lives.

Touch our hearts, O Father, by Thy Holy

Spirit, that in humility and gentleness of soul we may make preparation for the sacred rest of Thy holy day. Stir within us the desire and longing for Thy spiritual presence. Make us to love the habitation of Thy House, and to feel that one day in Thy courts is the best among a thousand.

Grant, O Lord, that we may hear Thy Word on the morrow with teachable and earnest hearts. Guide Thy ministers in exercising the stewardship of Thy mysteries, and in giving to Thy waiting people their portion of food in due season. And give to the hearers of Thy Word grace to receive it always in the love of it, and to be not hearers only, but also doers, of the thing which Thou hast spoken. Enable us to tell, out of a full heart, Thy glorious praise. Grant that we may lay aside all anxious and distracting thoughts, when we enter Thy

House of Prayer; and may give ourselves, with all our hearts, to the blessed work of prayer and praise and thanksgiving.

Put into our hearts, O Blessed Lord, the desire to draw very nigh to Thee at Thy Holy Table. May we rejoice in every opportunity of exercising our Christian privilege, of partaking in the Communion of the body and blood of Christ. May we never trust in the sign or the form, but pass through it to the thing signified. May we eat and drink in remembrance that Christ died for us; and feed on Him, in our hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

Bless, O Lord, we beseech Thee, Thy universal Church; even that blessed company of all faithful people, who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Unite them in the bonds of a common faith and hope and charity. Heal our divisions; and grant that

even amidst outward differences, we may be all one, in soul, in Christ Jesus.

And, O God, we pray Thee to spread abroad in the earth the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour. Grant that all nations may hear the joyful sound, and welcome it in their hearts as the Word of life and salvation. Repair the ruin made by sin, and in Thine own good time, O Lord, make all things new.

We ask every blessing in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be everlasting praise. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

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